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Kidnaped Florida Negro Alive, In 'Good Condition' in Ala.

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ANDALUSIA, Ala., Nov. 3 (AP)—A Negro farm workers who was hauled from a Florida jail almost a week ago by a band of white men was found alive and in "good condition" at Andalusia Saturday.

The Negro allegedly called "Hello thre, baby" to a white school teacher at Wildwood, Fla.

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WOODS WAS found at the Andalusia home of E. J. Mashburn, 69, a blind Negro preacher. Mashburn said he arrived Thursday.

Andalusia is in southeast Alabama, about 30 miles from the Florida line.

A physician who examined Woods at Andalusia said the Negro has several superficial wounds on his back which appeared to be the result of a beating with a leather strap. Dr. E. A. Ray said the man had two similar small wounds on the face.

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Investigators said the white men flogged him at a deserted lakeside spot five miles from here. They were unable to trace Woods further but most of them insisted he was still alive.

MacArthur Woods, 72-year-old father, exclaimed, "Oh, good Lord almighty, I'm happy," when FBI agents told him his son had been found.

He pranced around the yard of his small farm ,swung his arms and said, "I feel so good, just like I could run."

Woods' mother, known here as "Aunt" Delia, said, "I leaned on the arm of the Lord."

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Woods Returned To Cell In Florida

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WILDWOOD, Fla. — (SNS) — Jesse Woods, the 39-year-old farmhand who was strangely spirited from a Wildwood jail cell a week ago was back in Florida Monday, according to a news source.

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The farm worker was returned from Andalusia, Ala., to a jail cell in Florida's state prison at Raiford in protective custody until he is needed as a witness in any case that might come out of a pending investigation, revealed Don McLeod, sheriff's bureau director.

It also revealed that two white men were being detained for questioning in connection with Wood's disappearance from the Wildwood jail.

The Florida Sheriff's Bureau said George (Georgia Boy) Altman, 25, who admitted he took part in flogging Woods was being transferred to the jail at Gainesville, Fla., where another white man, Jack Sands, 21, was being held on a kidnapping charge.

The 39-year-old farmhand, who has been arrested for yelling "Hello There, Baby" at a young white woman, had been feared dead. His discovery in Alabama, where he fled after a nighttime beating, ended a wide search for his body. He was taken from the cell last Sunday night, after having been placed there at his own request for protection.

Florida authorities also revealed first sketchy details supplied by Woods on his kidnaping and whipping.

GOVERNOR COMMENTS

At Ocala, Gov. Collins, who spurred the search commented:

"Along with all the people of Florida I thank God this man was not treated as brutally as we had feared.

"We feel relieved but by no means does this end the case.

"Jesse Woods was kidnaped while in the custody of law and apparently was beaten. This not only violated his rights but violated the rights of the people of Wildwood and of the State of Florida.

"Our law enforcement agencies will diligently follow through with their work until those responsible are brought to justice.

"Woods will of course have to answer under proper legal procedure for any offense he may have committed."

Collins praised conduct of the quest for Woods.

McLeod said Woods has said "that two or three men went into the jail hit him over the head with a flashlight, took him from the jail, beat him and then turned him loose."

He said Woods did not furnish at once any information on his assailants' identity nor did he explain how he got to Andalusia.

FBI INVESTIGATING

The Miami office of the FBI whose agents questioned the 39-year-old Negro said it would continue to study developing facts for any violation of federal law.

No serious injuries were found in an examination of Woods.

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Covington County Sheriff Cliff Meredith said he took Woods into protective custody at the request of Florida authorities.

"He will be protected," the officer told a reporter.

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Missing Man Was In Alabama

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Badly Beaten By Attackers But Not Killed

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WILDWOOD, Fla.—(NNPA)—Jesse Woods, 39-year-old farm hand—feared to have been lynched after he was kidnapped from the tiny jail here on the night of Oct. 27—was returned to Florida from Alabama Sunday night and lodged in the state prison at Raiford for safekeeping.

Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation found Woods alive at Andalusia, Ala., on Nov. 3. The FBI agents said Woods, who had been severely flogged by a group of white men, said he was in "good condition."

Don McLeod, director of the Florida Sheriff's Bureau, said Woods was driven by automobile from Andalusia in the custody of Florida officers. Authorities had to obtain a court order to have the prison admit him.

McLeod quoted Woods as having said two or three white men broke into the Wildwood city jail Oct. 27, hit him on the head with a flashlight and took him to a wooded area and beat him before turning him loose.

Woods had been staying at the home of the Rev. E. J. Mashburn, 69-year-old preacher. Mr. Mashburn said he had arrived on Nov. 1.

The jail was unguarded at the time Woods was abducted between midnight and 1 a.m. A night police officer found that a padlock had been ripped from the jail's front door. Inside a bunk had been overturned and spots of blood were found on the floor and on a mattress.

Investigators said the white men had flogged him severely at a deserted lake-side spot, five miles from Wildwood.

Two white men have been arrested on charges of kidnapping Woods. They are George (Georgia Boy) Altman, 25, a butcher, and Jack L. Sands.

McLeod said Altman has confessed that he was along when Woods was flogged but denied taking part in the kidnapping.

WILDWOOD, Fla.—(INS)— The FBI announced in Miami Saturday that Jesse Woods, missing Negro farmhand who was believed kidnapped from a Wildwood, Fla., jail cell Sunday, Oct. 28, by an angry group of white citizens, has been located in Andalusia, Ala., at 221 College street.

Charles E. Weeks, special agent in charge of the Miami FBI office, said police are interviewing Woods in Andalusia pending a conference with the U. S. attorney and local Florida authorities as to further action.

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Since then, two persons have been arrested for questioning in the incident.

Woods was interviewed by FBI agents in Andalusia, but details of what he told them of his disappearance were not immediately revealed. The FBI in Andalusia said reports on the conference were being made to the FBI in Mobile, Ala., and to the U. S. attorney for the southern district of Florida, and the FBI in Washington.

Fri. 11-9-56

WILDWOOD, Fla.—(ANP) — A 25-year-old white meat cutter has been charged "as a principal" in the kidnap-beating of Jesse Woods, 39, a Negro farm laborer who disappeared from the city jail here more than a week ago after having allegedly said, "Hello, baby," to a white woman.

In jail on a kidnapping charge is George "Georgia Boy" Altman, who was ordered held without bail by Sumter County Judge P. B. Powell.

Police declined to say whether Altman made a confession.

Sheriff M. H. Bowman of Sumter county and Don McCleod, director of the Florida Sheriff's Bureau, said in a joint statement that Altman was taken to Pinellas county jail in Clearwater after his arrest.

The statement said Altman was arrested "as a principal" in the case.

A lake near where Woods was beaten after having been snatched from the jail was dragged Thursday, but nothing was found.

Earlier, police took reporters to the scene of the beating, located in a clearing in a densely wooded area about 3½ miles east of Wildwood and about 150 feet from the lake.

A break in the case came Tuesday when investigators found a blood-soaked felt hat and a blood-spattered flannel shirt which were worn by Woods on the night he vanished.

The discovery spurred a more intensive search by combined forces of the city police, the Sumter County sheriff's office, the Florida sheriff's bureau, Gov. Leroy Collins' personal investigator and the FBI.

Until the clothing showed up, Sheriff Bowman had clung to the theory that Wood might have broken out of the jail, possibly with the assistance of other Negroes, and gone hiding.

Bowman reported that a local white farmer, Leonard Smith, found the hat and shirt while

weeding his garden.

The sheriff said Smith came to town immediately and notified him of what he had found.

Conditions of the cotton plaid shirt indicated it was torn from Woods' body by his attackers. There was a big spot of blood on the shirttail and another large spot on the shoulder of the garment, which was ripped and without buttons.

The black felt hat also was covered with blood on the inside.

Two FBI investigators took the evidence, which was later identified by Mrs. Levonia Woods, sister-in-law of the missing man, and McArthur Woods Jr., his brother. Both signed statements verifying that the shirt and hat were worn by Woods the night he was taken from the tiny jail.

Sheriff Bowman theorized that the clothing was tossed off the side of the downtown street on Monday night and not on the night of the kidnapping. He explained that police had made a thorough search of the area on Sunday.

Bowman asserted he believed the shirt and hat were tossed from a moving car because the hat was 10 to 15 feet from the street.

In addition to taking the clothing, FBI agents went to the jail Wednesday afternoon and cut out a bloody spot on the mattress.

The shirt, hat and piece of mattress were sent to the FBI laboratory in Washington, agents reported.

Mack Woods Sr., 69-year-old father of the missing man, said at his home in the nearby all-Negro settlement of Picketsville, that he has given up hope that his son is alive.

"I believe they done killed him," he told newsmen.

Locate Farmhand In Alabama Town

By MOSES NEWSOM

(See pictures, page 10)

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Jack Sands, 21, who lives near Wildwood, was arrested Friday, and taken to Gainesville, 60 miles north of here, where he was jailed and booked on kidnapping charges.

And police Saturday had a signed statement from George (Georgia Boy) Altman, 25, admitting that he took part in a flogging of the 39-year-old farmhand but denied he participated in the abduction of Woods from the Wildwood jail last Saturday night.

According to Police Chief Ed Mullis, Woods, a farm laborer, who recently returned to his home after spending several years in a northern city, was arrested on a charge of drunkeness and disorderly conduct.

AT MARKET

Mullis said Woods called out "Hey, honey" or "Hey, Baby" to a white woman, Evelyn Hill, who had been shopping in a supermarket. Woods had been ejected from the market after creating a disturbance.

The police chief arrested Woods after the alleged remark and placed the prisoner in the one-story frame jail, which is located across the street from a movie theatre.

Mullis said that about four hours after the arrest, Woods' father, who operates a truck farm near here, posted $50 cash bond for his son's release.

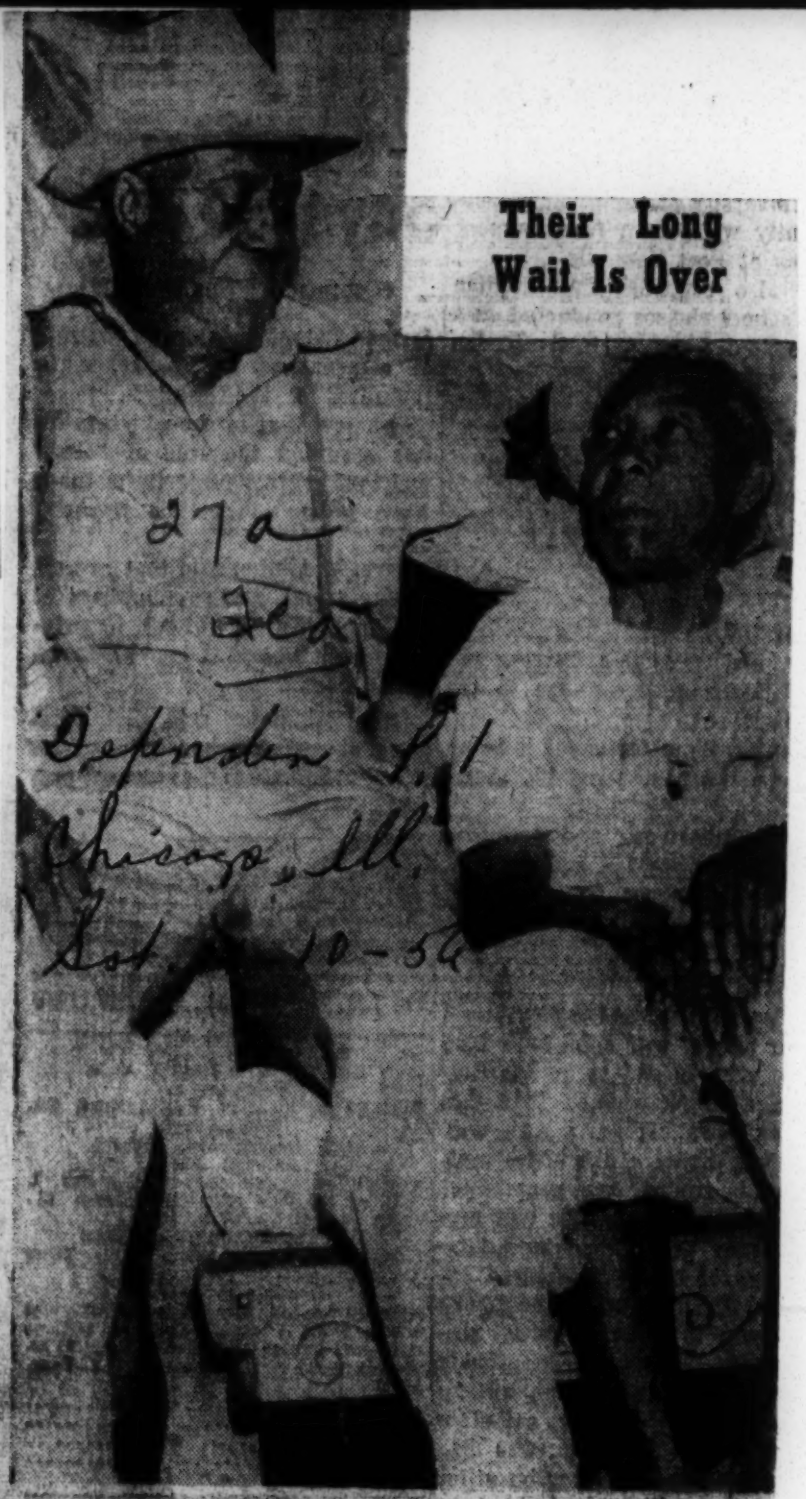
A few minutes after they walked out of the jail together, they returned, stating that "some white men were following them and they were scared." Woods was locked up in the cell for his own safety.

RE-ENTER JAIL

It was about midnight when the pair re-entered the jail, and according to Mullis, Woods was taken from the jail sometime between midnight and 1 a. m. He said:

"A midnight show had just let out and a crowd gathered at the jail. Most were curiosity seekers."

The police chief called in Sheriff M. H. Bowman and state police and deputies to prevent a possible racial disturbance.



Their Long Wait Is Over

MR. AND MRS. MACARTHUR WOODS, parents of Jesse Woods, 39-year-old farmhand who was spirited from his jail cell in Wildwood, Fla. last week. Woods had been jailed for being drunk and disorderly after allegedly yelling "Hi, baby" to a white 20-year-old school teacher. The FBI announced Saturday that Woods had been located alive in Andalusia, Ala.

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Negro Who Said Honey Is Taken From His Cell

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Mullis said the father and Woods returned in a few minutes to the jail, saying "some white men were following them and they were scared." They asked that Woods be returned to jail for safety.

The officer added:

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That was when Sheriff M. H. Bowman called in highway patrolmen and deputies as a preventive against racial disturbance.

Asked whether he was sure that white men got Woods out of jail, Mullis said "There were lots of colored people there too. I don't know whether it was white or colored."

Of the incident at the grocery store, Mullis said the store manager, A. C. Thornton, "had to run Woods out of the store because he was making a disturbance."

Thornton verified the disturbance at the store.

Woods' father was taken to an undisclosed jail for safe keeping. This small central Florida town is about 75 miles north of Tampa. It is on a main line Seaboard Air Line track and Highway U. S. 301.

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NEGRO IN FLORIDA TAKEN FROM JAIL

Mon. 10-29-56

Man Held in 'Insult' of White Woman Hunted by 150

New York

By The Associated Press.

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Chased by Manager

Of the incident at the crowded Atlantic and Pacific Tea Company grocery store, Mr. Mullis said the store manager, A. C. Thornton, "had to run Woods out of the store because he was making a disturbance."

The chief also said that when Mr. Woods was told a policeman would be called if he did not calm down in the store, Mr. Woods replied that he did not "give a damn—call the law."

Mr. Woods' father, MacArthur Woods, and a brother, were taken at their request to the county jail at Ocala for safekeeping.

This small central Florida town is about seventy-five miles north of Tampa.

Mrs. C. D. Wadsworth explained to newsmen that she was shopping with Miss Mary Evelyn Hill. After getting into their car, she said, Miss Hill told her that a Negro had said, "Oh, baby, or something like that."

Mrs. Wadsworth said she was walking two or three steps in front of Miss Hill and did not hear the remark.

Mr. Bowman was asked if he thought a group of white men had got Mr. Woods. He replied that he didnot know. He said it was possible for Mr. Woods to have broken out himself, "but it is unlikely."

News In Brief

Florida Negro Vanishes

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JAIL WHERE NEGRO PRISONER VANISHED
Patrolman E. H. Barry Points To Bloody Spots

SOLUTION PROMISED IN JAIL'S MYSTERY

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But Officers Are Without Trace Of Negro

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WILDWOOD, Fla., Oct. 29.—(UP)—Gov. Leroy Collins of Florida promised Monday the puzzling case of a Negro who vanished from a jail cell after he said "hello, baby" to an attractive white woman "cannot and will not go unsolved."

But police said there was no apparent trace of Jesse Woods, 39-year-old farm hand, who disappeared from his unguarded cell in this town Sunday morning. A trail of blood led to the door.

Woods, who recently returned here after working as a migrant farm hand near Kent, N. Y., was arrested Saturday night on a drunk and disorderly charge. Witnesses said Woods became obnoxious in a downtown grocery and was ordered outside, where he made the remarks as Miss Mary Evelyn Hill, a pretty teacher, and Mrs. C. B. Wadsworth emerged from the store. Word of the incident spread quickly through town and occasional crowds gathered near the tiny red-brick jail.

E. H. Barry, Wildwood's night patrolman, discovered the jail

door open on a routine check about 1:30 a.m. Sunday. An overturned bunk and a trail of blood indicated there had been a fight. The padlock was gone.

Florida Lynching Suspected

Woods' Bloodstained Shirt And Hat Found

WILDWOOD, Fla. — (INS) — Police showed newsmen a bloodstained shirt and hat Tuesday which they said belonged to Jesse Woods, the 39-year-old Negro farmhand who authorities fear may have been lynched after being accused of "insulting" a white woman.

Woods was taken from a little three-room jail in Wildwood, Fla. early Sunday morning and discovery of the shirt and hat are the first traces that have been found of him.

IMPORTANT MEETING

Sheriff M. H. Bowman revealed the discovery after asking newsmen to attend an "important" meeting at City Hall at 3 p. m.

When the newsmen were assembled, police bundled them into cars and drove about six blocks from the downtown district, explaining they "wanted to get away from the crowds."

Capt. Olin Hill of the state highway patrol then opened the trunk of his car and showed newsmen the bloodstained garments.

Sheriff Bowman explained they had been found by a Wildwood resident, Leonard Smith, in a truck-garden patch which he operates behind his home.

FOUND MONDAY

Bowman said Smith had found the garments yesterday but police withheld the anouncement until they could investigate.

The sheriff said the garments had failed to reveal any additional clues, however, and added: "We don't know where to go next."

Bowman said a through investigation had been made of the area immediately surrounding the garden patch, but there are no lakes, rivers or other likely places where the body could have been dumped.

TAKE A LOOK

After viewing the garments, news men were taken to the garden patch and permitted to look around for themselves.

Woods was arrested Saturday night for being drunk and disorderly after he allegedly yelled "hi babe" or "hi honey" at a white 22-year-old school teacher, Miss Mary Evelyn Hill.

Woods' father, MacArthur Woods, posted $50 bail for the release of his son early Sunday morning, but brought him back to the jail a short time later and requested he be taken back into protective custody because a group of whites had followed them.

About 1:30 Sunday morning a patrolman notice the outside door on the jail was ajar and investigated. He found the padlock had been knocked off the building, the floor of the jail was spattered with blood and Woods was missing.

Even before the bloodstained garments were found, the 71-year-old father sadly told newsmen that he believed "they done killed" his son.

Bloodied Clothes Of Negro Found

WILDWOOD, Fla., Oct. 30 (AP)—A bloodstained black hat and flannel shirt worn by Jesse Wood, 39-year-old Negro, when he vanished from jail early Sunday have been found.

Discovery of the clothing was announced 63 hours after the Negro was taken from the small city jail where he was held on a charge of drunkenness, disorderly conduct, and also accused of insulting a white woman.

The clothing had been thrown from a car into a sandspur patch only four blocks from the jail.

Sheriff M. H. Bowman reported it was discovered yesterday by Leonard Smith.

Sheriff rejects Guard's aid in search for Negro

WILDWOOD, Fla., Oct. 29—(AP)—Sheriff M. H. Bowman rejected an offer of National Guard help today while officers continued their investigation of the disappearance from a Sumter County jail cell of a Negro accused of calling a white woman "baby."

Gov. Leroy Collins had asked Bowman for a full report on how Jesse Woods, 39, was spirited from the jail early Sunday. Collins offered National Guard assistance.

BOWMAN SAID he talked with the governor by telephone today, gave him a report on the search and told him the National Guard was not needed.

Deputies and road patrolmen were searching the area around Wildweed today and the Federal Bureau of Investigation said it was looking into the case to determine whether it should take action.

All has been quiet in this little Central Florida town 75 miles north of Tampa since Woods was taken from his cell, where officers found bloodstains.

WILLIAM A. FORDHAM, president of the Florida Conference of the National Assn. for the Advancement of Colored People, said at Tampa, "From what I've heard it looks like a lynching. If it was, we definitely will make an investigation."

Woods was arrested Saturday afternoon at a grocery store, charged with disorderly conduct and drunkenness. Police Chief Mullis said Woods "insulted a white woman."

DAVID HUTTO, a clerk at the store, quoted Woods as saying "Hello there, baby" to Miss Mary Evelyn Hill, an attractive brown-eyed, brown-haired school teacher. She was not available for comment.

Woods was released on bond about midnight and left with his father, MacArthur Woods, and a brother. Soon they returned and Jesse Woods asked to be allowed to stay in the jail, saying some white men in cars had followed them and he was afraid.

BOWMAN SAID several rumors were run down but "there is no lead at all."

"We will look until we find him," Bowman said.

The sheriff said there is a possibility the laborer is still alive, but declined to speculate whether white men had seized him or a group of Negroes took him away for his own safety.

Bowman said the missing man had never been in any trouble as far as he knew. The father and brother were taken at their request to Marion County Jail at Ocala for protection.

Bloody Shirt and Hat Found, Florida Negro Believed Dead

WILDWOOD, Fla., Oct. 30 (AP)—A bloody hat and shirt belonging to Jesse Woods, a Negro who vanished from jail after he allegedly called "hello baby" to a white woman, have been found on the outskirts here, it was announced today.

Sheriff M. H. Bowman said the Negro's family positively identified the clothing as Woods. The officers took reporters to the scene of the discovery.

Finding of the blood-smeared garments "makes it more likely he is dead," said the sheriff, who earlier had voiced belief the Negro was alive but hiding in fear.

"I believe he has met with some kind of harm," Bowman said.

It was the first clue to Woods' disappearance since his cell was found empty at the unguarded brick Wildwood jail last Saturday night. Bloodstains were found in the cell at that time.

Bowman said the clothing was found yesterday afternoon by Leonard Smith, who lives half a mile from the jail and just off heavily traveled U.S. 301.

The clues were put in two plastic bags and put in the trunk of highway patrol Capt. Olin Hill's car for safekeeping. The sheriff and Hill said they wanted to take reporters to the spot where the hat and shirt were found before announcing the discovery.

Meanwhile, the FBI stepped into the case to see if there had been any federal violations.

Gov. Leroy Collins, who said the case "cannot and will not be unsolved," sent special investigator Woodie Tindall to the scene today.

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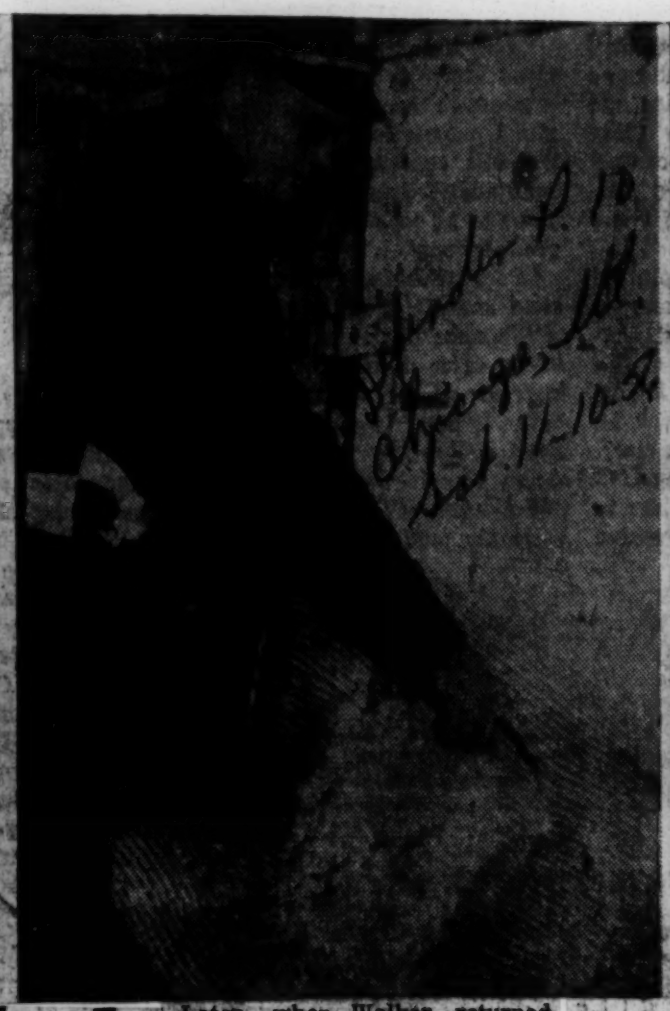


Fla. Town Hopes Woods Is Still Alive; Blame Youths

BULLETIN

ANDALUSIA, Ala. — The FBI announced Saturday that Jesse Woods, 39-year-old farmhand, had been located alive in Andalusia, Ala. The discovery of Woods' whereabouts ended a week-long search and ended fears that he had been lynched by an angry white mob.

By MOSES NEWSON

WILDWOOD, Fla. — Tennessee was not exactly the word that best described the feeling in this city of 2,500 in tourist-conscious Florida on Wednesday night.

The situation was one of hope on two most important points — and sorrow.

Just about every one was hoping Jesse Woods would be found alive. Many were optimistic, including county and city police.

Just about everyone was hoping nobody — most of all no teen-ager — would kindle the fire that could start an explosion here.

They knew that firearms sales had spurted, with both white and Negroes buying. Then there was the sorrow — deepest felt by the family. You could see it in their eyes during every "still missing" newscasts.

Then there was the sorrow — for various reasons — of the whole city and state that this thing had happened.

But most of all, there seemed to be concern over the youth.

And there was plenty of reason.

There have been several clashes between white and Negro youths here in recent weeks.

It seems they started about three weeks ago when two white boys "came across the tracks" and sought service in a Negro cafe.

When they left, "about eight or 10" Negro boys crowded around them and after some words one of the white boys was kicked.

A Negro man named Robert Walker is credited with stopping what might have been more serious by taking the two white boys in his car and carrying them over the tracks.

The other white boy was kicked when he went to get into the car.

Later, when Walker returned, the group of boys wanted to beat him up for rescuing the white boys and, according to a white man who didn't want his name given, Walker had to get a gun to quiet them down.

Later, two other white boys were reportedly beaten by two Negro boys.

Last Friday, some white boys in a car went to J. R. E. Lee High school for Negroes and asked for two boys they thought had beat the two white youths.

One of those they thought was involved was 16-year-old Socrates Jerry Miles, son of a widow, Mrs. Lula B. Miles.

Socrates was shot in the leg Saturday night about 10:30, about an hour before Woods was taken out of jail.

However, Socrates says he had nothing to do with the beating of the boys though he was present when the eight or 10 roughed up the couple.

He said he figured he was accidentally shot by "rabbit hunters" because they had on lights and no one showed any interest in him. He did not realize he'd been shot until he got home.

A local doctor removed a .25 caliber steel-jacket slug from a muscle in his left leg. It first went through the right thigh.

Mrs. Miles said she didn't think the shooting had anything to do with the flare-ups between the boys.

Monday, Prof. S. T. E. Pinkey, principal, met with boys of the school from seventh through 11th grades. He said he found out nothing.

L. N. Sibert, principal of the white school, talked with Prof. Pinkey about the youth situation on Wednesday.

Neither had been able to make much headway as to information.

A number of white people expressed the feeling "boys" were behind the mysterious disappearance of Woods from his cell.

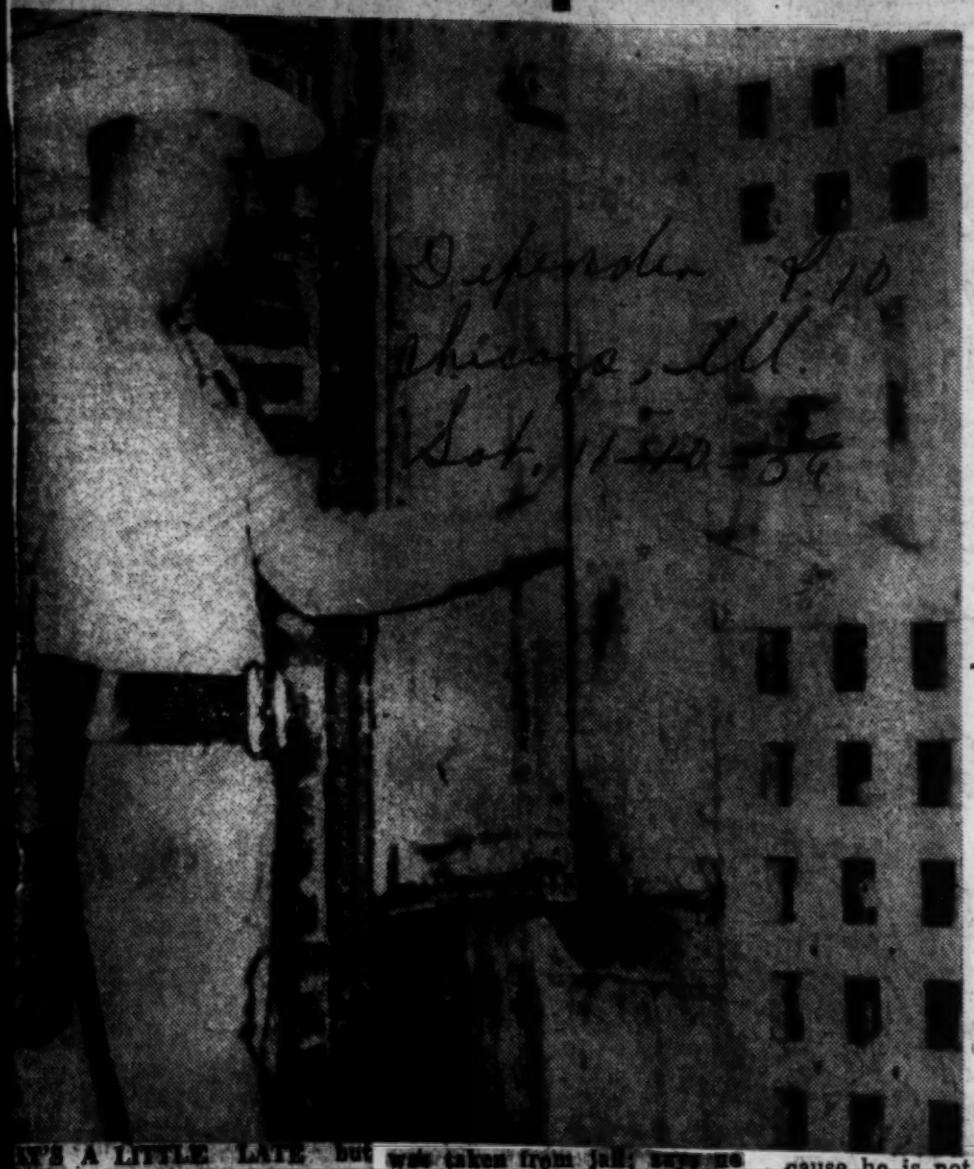
H. E. Driggers, an insurance man, was "willing to bet that boys are behind the whole thing."

A middle-aged white woman appeared anxious over what might happen if some "young irresponsible" person, "colored or white, sets off a trigger with some foolish action."

However, when a white youngster of about 12 walked up to say how "awful all this goings on is" and was told many thought teenagers were behind it, he answered:

"Maybe," and after a pause "maybe not. Me, I don't know nothing about it."

Principals In Florida Kidnap Mystery



...'S A LITTLE LATE but Capt. Olin Hill, troop commander of the Florida Highway Patrol, (upper left) locks the door of the jail from which Jesse Woods was spirited away by white mob and kidnapped on Sunday morning. In upper right picture, members of the missing man's family anxiously await news of him. Shown are (left to right) his father, MacArthur Woods; a nephew, Clinton Harrison; his mother Mrs. Woods; brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Willie Woods; sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Wilbert Lewis. Children are nieces Vera Mae Woods, Sally Mae Woods and Leon, a nephew. Lower photo at left shows Socrates Miles 16, of Wildwood, Fla., and H. E. Driggers, insurance agent. Young Miles (left) was shot in the leg Saturday night before Jesse Woods was taken from jail; says he believes the shot was fired by rabbit hunters. Didn't know he was shot until he got home. (Center photo) shows Police Chief Ed Mullins pointing to spot on mattress where blood spot was found. FBI cut it out to send to Washington laboratory. At right Capt. Hill and Chief Mullins leave small jail after completing investigation. —photos by Moses Newson.

3d Man Sought In Flogging

Wildwood, Fla., Nov. 5 (AP)—Judge P. B. Howell, Sr., issued a kidnaping warrant today for a third white man in the seizure and flogging of Jesse Woods, a Negro.

Howell and Sheriff M. H. Bowman, who requested the warrant, refused to identify the man because he is not yet in custody. Bowman added he did not know when officers would be able to arrest this man.

Howell said he plans to hold a preliminary hearing next week for the two white men already in custody. They are George Altman, 25, a meat salesman, and Jack L. Sands, a farmer. Both are charged with kidnaping.

Held In Prison for Safety

Woods, 39, a farm laborer, disappeared from the unguarded Wildwood City Jail October 28. He had been charged with drunkenness and disorderly conduct, and accused of saying "Hello there, baby" to a young white woman.

Located by the F.B.I. in Andalusia, Ala., Saturday, Woods said he had been taken from the jail by two or three white men, beaten, and released.

Woods was taken to the State Prison at Raiford for safekeeping yesterday. Today Circuit Judge T. G. Futch issued an order at the request of State Attorney A. P. Buie directing that Woods be held in the State Prison as a material witness.

7 Cleared of Flogging Negro After Prosecution Collapses

Bushnell, Fla., Dec. 12 (AP)—Seven white men today were acquitted of flogging Jesse Woods, a Negro, when the State's case collapsed and the chief prosecutor complained that his main witnesses changed their stories.

It was a directed mass verdict of acquittal, ordered by Circuit Judge T. G. Futch, after State Attorney A. P. Buie had asked that four of the seven men be freed. The defense asked for dismissal of the charges against the other three.

Says State Case Unproven

Futch said the State failed to prove the men guilty of aggravated assault and false imprisonment of Woods, who was taken from the nearby Wildwood City Jail and flogged October 28. He had been arrested on City charges, and police said he made a "Hello, there, baby" remark to a white schoolteacher.

The State's case cracked open when Buie said:

"I have sworn testimony from these witnesses sufficient to make a strong prima facie case against every defendant we have charged.

'Changed Their Stories'

"These same witnesses who named these defandants have changed their stories. I do not know why."

Buie then asked that acquittal be ordered for Keith Sands, Jacksonville; Max Stumborg, Wildwood; Leaman Lundy, Belleview, and Doyle Polk, Marion County. He said there was no evidence to connect these four with the crime.

Defense attorneys George Scofield and Don Bradshaw then asked the court to proclaim innocence for George Altman and Ezekial Alderman, Wildwood, and Robert Nesmith, Belleview.

JESSE WOODS, TAKEN FROM JAIL IN WILDWOOD, FLA., FOUND IN ANDALUSIA, ALA.

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Missing Negro man found at Andalusia

By The Associated Press

ANDALUSIA, Ala., Nov. 3—(AP)—A Negro farm worker who was hauled from a Florida jail amost a week ago by a band of white men was found and in "good condition" at Andalusia Saturday.

The Negro allegedly called "hello there, baby" to a white school teacher at Wildwood, Fla.

A physician said Jesse Woods, 39 had superficial wounds of the back, apparently from a beating with a leather strap. He had been missing from the Wildwood jail since Sunday.

FBI AGENTS interviewed Woods here for several hours Saturday afternoon but declined to release any information.

Covington County Sheriff Cliff Meredith said he took Woods into protective custody at the request of Florida authorities.

"He will be protected," the officer told a reporter.

Woods was found at the Andalusia home of E. J. Mashburn, 69, a blind Negro preacher. Mashburn said he arrived Thursday.

Woods was taken from the Wildwood jail early Sunday while it was unguarded. Police Chief Ed Mullis said he was away chasing a speeding car. Blood flecked the cell where he had been.

Missing Florida Negro is found in Andalusia, Ala.

MIAMI, Fla., Nov. 3—(AP)—The Federal Bureau of Investigation announced Saturday that it has found Jesse Woods, missing from the Wildwood City Jail since Sunday, in Andalusia, Ala.

C. E. Weeks, agent in charge of the Miami FBI office, said the 39-year-old Negro farmhand was being questioned by agents now. Later the federal authorities will talk with the U. S. attorney and Florida authorities as to further action in the case, Weeks said.

F.B.I. FINDS NEGRO TAKEN FROM JAIL

Two Florida White Men Held in Kidnapping—Flogging Victim Safe in Alabama

WILDWOOD, Fla., Nov. 3 (AP)—Jesse Woods, Negro farm worker missing for six days after being hauled out of jail here by a group of white men, was found alive today at Andalusia, Ala.

Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation who located him said the 39-year-old Negro was in "good condition." Mr. Woods was flogged by the white men after he had called "Hello there, baby" to a white school teacher, investigators said.

Mr. Woods was staying at the home of E. J. Mashburn, 69, a blind Negro preacher. Mr. Mashburn said he had arrived Thursday.

Mr. Woods was taken from the unguarded Wildwood jail Sunday. Ed Mullis, the police chief, said he was away chasing a speeding car at the time. Blood flecked the cell where Mr. Woods had been.

The farm worker had been locked up Saturday night on charges of being drunk and disorderly. He was released later, but was readmitted to the jail on his own request when he said a group of white men was following him in cars.

Investigators said the white men had flogged him at a deserted lakeside spot five miles from Wildwood. They were unable to trace Mr. Woods further but most of them insisted he was still alive.

Macarthur Woods, his 71-year old father, exclaimed, "Oh, good Lord Almighty, I'm happy" when the agents told him his son had been found.

He pranced around the yard of his small farm, swung his arms and said, "I feel so good, just like I could run."

Mr. Woods' mother, known here as Aunt Delia, said, "I leaned on the arm of the Lord."

The F.B.I. said conferences would be held with Florida authorities and the United States Attorney before any further action was taken.

Investigators have arrested two white men on charges of kidnapping the Negro. They are George (Georgia Boy) Altman, 25, and Jack L. Sands.

Don McLeod, director of the Florida Sheriff's Bureau, said Mr. Altman had admitted he was along when Mr. Woods was flogged but had denied taking part in the raid on the jail.

Mr. Mullis said, "I sure am glad they found him. I figured somebody took him out of here."

Mr. Mullis said that since the case had begun he had received several letters that he described as "obscene."

Miss Mary Evelyn Hill, the school teacher, has also received several letters but their contents were not known. She has steadfastly refused to discuss the case.

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MAN TAKEN FROM FLA. JAIL BELIEVED LYNCHED

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NO LEADS UNCOVERED IN SEARCH FOR WOODS

WILDWOOD, Fla. — The search for a 39-year-old Negro farmhand, who was snatched away from a jail where his father had sought asylum for him, was failing to bring any leads late last night, adding new fuel that he may have been lynched by an unidentified mob.

Sources said police claimed they have searched for Jesse Woods, who was arrested on a drunk charge and disorderly conduct — word got out he had said "Hi Babe" at a white 22-year-old school teacher.

But police have so far failed to come up with either the identities of his attackers or the young farmhand. Two of Woods sisters told police they saw several white men in cars follow Woods on his release Saturday night. However, Mrs. Ella Jones and Mrs. Willie Mae Neal said they did not recognize any of the men.

Mrs. Jones declared "We just drove around the block down town and then went back to the jail when we saw the cars following us."

Wood's father MacArthur Woods, posted $50 bail for the release of his son early Sunday morning but brought him back to the jail a short time later and requested he be taken back into protective custody because a group of whites had followed them.

About 1:30 Sunday morning a patrolman noticed the outside door on the little three-room jail was ajar and investigated. He found the padlock had been pryed off the building, the floor of the jail was spattered with blood and woods was missing.

An around-the-clock search has been underway since the discovery was made, but no trace of Woods has been found.

Sumter County sheriff M. H. Dowman would not say whether he thinks Woods is dead or alive. "All I can tell you," he commented, "is that the longer we go without finding him, the worse it looks to me."

Gov. Leroy Collins has asked for a full report o nthe case and the FBI is investigating to determine whether is has jurisdiction.

A spokesman for the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, William A. Fordham, of Tampa, said: "From what I've heard it looks like a lynching. If it was we definitely will make an investigation."

Patrolman E. H. Barry, who first found the jail had been broken into, said yesterday afternoon the search was still going "full tilt."

"There aren't as many officers involved yesterday," he said, "but we're doing everything we can."

Dowman said several fruitless tips had been run down but there is still no real clue. He rejected an offer of National Guard help from Gov. Leroy Collins.

Collins said after talking by telephone with the sheriff that it seemed everything possible is being done. All was calm in this little central Florida town, 75 miles north of Tampa.

Jesse Woods, 39, is a World War II veteran, with Army service in the Pacific. He returned to Wildwood about two weeks ago after having worked on farms near Kent, N.Y., for eight weeks.

"OUT OF HIS MIND"

His mother, Mrs. Delia Woods, 68, said "that's the first time he's ever been in trouble. I know that he must have been out of his mind."

He is accused of saying "Hello there, Baby," to Miss Mary Evelyn Hill, an attractive brown-eyed, brown-haired school teacher, as she was taking groceries to her car. He had been ordered from the grocery store minutes earlier for creating a disturbance.

Miss Hill has refused to discuss the matter with newsmen.

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The sisters, their father, MacArthur Woods, and two brothers, MacArthur Jr., and Willie, went to the jail Saturday night to post a $50 bond on Jesse and to take him home.

FRIGHTENED

Mrs. Jones said "We just drove around the block down town and then went back to the jail when we saw the cars following us."

Asked if she became frightened she replied "I sure did."

Mrs. Neal said that they could not tell how many cars followed them.

The sisters said they thought it best for Jesse's safety that he be returned to the jail for safekeeping. Mrs. Jones explained that "my father asked if he (Jesse) had been drinking and he (Jesse) said 'a little.'"

Jesse returned to the jail about midnight. An hour later police found the lock broken, a bunk overturned, blood spots on the floor and Jesse gone.

Sisters of Negro Taken From Cell Saw Pursuit

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By BENNETT DeLOACH

WILDWOOD, Fla., Oct. 29 (AP)—Two sisters of Jesse Woods reported today they saw white men in cars follow him on his release from jail at midnight Saturday.

Mrs. Ella Jones and Mrs Willie Mae Neal said they did not recognize any of the men but most of them appeared to be young.

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WIDE SEARCH

Deputies and state highway patrolmen hunted all day yesterday for a trace of Woods and continued their search today without success.

Sumter County Sheriff M. H.

BLOOD FOUND IN CELL

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Mon. 10-29-56 Montgomery, Ala.

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FLORIDA RACIAL CASE TAKES STRANGE TURN

Negro Jailed For Insulting White Woman Vanishes—Cell Shows Struggle

WILDWOOD, Fla., Oct. 28.—A Negro accused of "insulting" an attractive white woman vanished early Sunday from a blood-flecked jail cell here.

About 150 Sumter County and state police searched unsuccessfully over a wide area for Jesse Woods, 28. Gov. Leroy Collins and the Federal Bureau of Investigation sought full information on the incident.

Governor Collins said, "I'm anxious to get all the facts as promptly as possible. I have asked the director of the state sheriffs' bureau to render all possible assistance and have asked that the sheriff of Sumter County give a direct report to me."

Charles E. Weeks, special agent in charge of the FBI office at Miami, said he was looking into the facts to determine whether the case came within Federal scope.

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Woods and his family live in nearby Picketsville, a Negro community originally founded as a settlement for ex-slaves after the Civil War. Some 300 to 400 Negroes in Picketsville work on the nearbv farms.

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From Wire Dispatches

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Policeman E. H. Barry discovered the prisoner missing about 1:30 a.m. when he made his regular check of the jail, which is in the business district of this town of 2,500 and is not guarded by a regular jailer.

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Mullis said the father and Woods returned in a few minutes to the jail, saying "some white men were following them and they were scared." They asked that Woods be returned to jail for safety.

The officer added:

"A midnight show (movie) had just let out and a crowd gathered at the jail. Most were curiosity seekers.

"The crowd scattered and we thought everything was all right.

"Then when I was seated in my car in a filling station I saw two cars come racing by. I gave chase, then I lost them. I returned to the jail and found he (Woods) was gone.

That was when Sheriff M. H. Bowman called in highway patrolmen and deputies as a preventive against racial disturbance.

Asked whether he was sure that white men got Woods out of jail, Mullis said, "There were lots of colored people there too. I don't know whether it was white or colored."

Man Is Held In Kidnaping

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Clearwater, Fla., Oct. 31 (AP) —A Wildwood, Fla., white man was jailed here tonight on a charge of kidnaping, and Sheriff Sid Saunders said he "presumed" it was in connection with the disappearance of Jesse Woods.

The man was booked as George Altman. He was not otherwise identified.

He was brought here by E. Burwin Williams of the Florida Sheriffs Bureau and Sumter County Deputy Fred Rosel. He was ordered held without bond.

Sheriff Saunders said he had no direct information about the arrest but added, "I presume it has to do with the missing Negro."

Woods, 39, a farm laborer, disappeared from the Wildwood City Jail Sunday. He had been accused of speaking in familiar terms to a white woman.

His blood-spotted hat and shirt were found yesterday and officers today showed newsmen the spot where, they said, he had been flogged.

BLOOD-SMEARED GARMENT FOUND

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Discovery Heightens Fear Negro Man Was Taken From Jail and Killed

WILDWOOD, Fla., Oct. 30 (AP)— Fear that Jesse Woods, 39-year-old Negro, may have been killed for addressing a white woman in familiar terms was heightened today with the disclosure that his bloodstained shirt and hat had been found.

Sixty-three hours after Woods was taken from the small city jail, Sheriff M. H. Bowman told newsmen that the shirt and hat had been found in a patch of sandspurs near the jail.

The buttons were gone from the shirt, as though it had been ripped off his body, and the shirt was covered with blood spots. But Bowman told reporters: "I wouldn't say he was dead."

Leonard Smith found the shirt and hat yesterday when he tossed some weeds from his garden into the sandspurs. Bowman withheld the information from newsmen until the clothing was positively identified by members of Woods' family.

The Negro was jailed Saturday on charges of drunkenness and disorderly conduct. He also was accused of saying "Hello there, baby" to a white school teacher, Mary Evelyn Hill.

He was released on bond about midnight but returned a few minutes later and asked to stay in the jail for protection. He said white men in cars had followed him and he was afraid.

An hour later, police found the jail lock broken and Woods gone. There were bloodstains on the floor and a bunk had been overturned.

Bowman said he could not tell whether Woods had been slugged and blood had dripped from his head onto his shirt, or whether there might have been wounds on other parts of his body.

Two FBI agents are probing Woods' disappearance.

Earlier today, Bowman said he thought Woods was still alive but admitted there was a chance he had been killed and his body "buried or dumped into a pit." He asked cowboys on nearby ranches to report any fresh dirt in pastures which might indicate a newly-dug grave.

Woods told newsmen, "I believe they done killed him." He was with Jesse when the son returned to the jail.

The elder Woods related he had asked Police Chief Ed Mullis at that time, "Can I put this boy back for safekeeping?" And Mullis assented but said, "This jail isn't too much."

NEGRO FEARED DEAD; BLOODY SHIRT FOUND

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Smeared Garments Turn Up In Florida Search

WILDWOOD, Fla., Oct. 30.—(UP)—A bloody hat and shirt belonging to Jesse Woods, a Negro who disappeared from jail after he allegedly called "hello baby" to a white woman, have been found on the outskirts here, it was announced Tuesday.

Sheriff M. H. Bowman said the Negro's family positively identified the clothing as Woods'.

Finding of the blood-smeared garments "makes it more likely he is dead," said the sheriff, who earlier had voiced belief the Negro was alive but hiding in fear.

It was the first clue to the 39-year-old Woods' disappearance since his cell was found empty at the unguarded brick Wildwood jail Saturday night. Bloodstains were found in the cell.

Sheriff Bowman said the clothing was found Monday afternoon by Leonard Smith, who lives half a mile from the jail and just off heavily traveled Highway 301.

The shirt was covered with large bloodstains on the sleeves and front. The buttons were missing and the sheriff said it apparently was ripped off the Negro.

The clothes were found in weeds about four feet from a side road. The sheriff said they were far enough apart to indicate they were thrown from a car.

Meanwhile, the Federal Bureau of Investigation stepped into the case to see if there had been any Federal violations.

he noticed cars following him and decided to take Jesse back to jail because "I knew they would kill us all."

Jesse Woods asked to be placed behind bars for safekeeping and the big steel door was padlocked from the outside. His father, another son and a daughter were placed in protective custody in Ocala some 40 miles away.

Florida Pushes Hunt For Vanished Negro

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WILDWOOD, Fla., Oct. 29 (U.P.)—Gov. Leroy Collins of Florida promised today that the puzzling case of a Negro who vanished from a jail cell after he allegedly said "Hello, baby" to an attractive white woman "cannot and will not go unsolved."

But police said there was no apparent trace of Jesse Woods, 39-year-old farm hand, who disappeared from his unguarded jail cell in this town Sunday morning. A trail of blood led to the door.

E. H. Barry, Wildwood's night patrolman, discovered the jail door open on a routine check about 1:30 a.m. Sunday. An overturned bunk and a trail of blood indicated there had been a fight. The padlock was gone.

"We haven't found a thing," said Sheriff M. H. Bowman who has conducted a widespread hunt for Woods. Bowman said Don McLeon, director of the Florida Sheriffs Bureau, and two of his "undercover men" had arrived here to assist in the search at Bowman's request.

Some 150 highway patrolmen, sheriff's deputies and police from surrounding counties sped here to take part in a search for the Negro.

Sumter County is dotted with numerous lakes, rivers, canals and dense swamps but the sheriff said no dragging operations would be started until a more definite clue develops.

In Tallahassee, Collins said that "whatever manpower needed beyond that now engaged will be supplied. The sheriff knows this and will keep me fully informed of his needs."

Woods, who recently returned here after worikng as a migrant farm hand near Kent, N. Y., was arrested Saturday night on a drunk and disorderly charge. Witnesses said Woods became obnoxious in a downtown grocery and was ordered outside, where he made the alleged remark as Miss Mary Evelyn Hill, a pretty teacher, and Mrs. C. B. Wadsworth emerged from the store.

Word of the incident spread quickly through Wildwood, a railroad center in the rich tomato and cattle section some 70 miles north of Tampa. Occasional crowds gathered near the tiny red-brick jail located on a dead end street two short blocks from the police station.

Woods' father, Mac Arthur Woods, posted $50 bond and bailed his son out of jail at midnight. But the father said

Lynching Feared in Florida

Victim Taken From Jail Cell; Said, 'Hi, Babe'

WILDWOOD, Fla. —(INS)— Police of seven central Florida counties searched through the night for a Negro man feared lynched because he yelled "Hi Babe" at a young white school teacher in Wildwood.

State troopers patrolled the small town to prevent any wholesale outbreak of racial violence.

...bands of Negroes from surrounding counties were reported pouring into the city Sunday night, swelling the colored population to 3,500 as compared to 2,000 whites.

More than 150 armed officers, aided by bloodhounds and airplanes, made a dawn to dusk search Sunday. Officers said they were looking mostly at places "where a body would be found."

The man feared lynched is Jesse Woods, 39-year-old farm hand who reportedly returned recently from the New York city area where he worked for two years.

He was spirited from his unlocked cell early Sunday morning by unknown persons who broke a padlock to gain entrance to the tiny, three-room jail.

Woods had been arrested Saturday night on a drunk and disorderly charge after his remark to the white woman was reported. His father, MacArthur Woods, posted $50 bail about midnight Saturday and started to take Woods home but they were followed by several carloads of white men. The elder Woods returned his son to the jail for protection.

Sheriff M. H. Bowman guarded the jail, which is spearated from the main police station, until about 1 a.m. he said, everything appeared quiet so he went home.

Patrolman E. H. Barry spotted the jail door open at 1:30 while making his rounds of the city. Upon investigation, he found Woods gone. His cell was spattered with blood and disarranged.

The elder Woods and his daughter, Ella James Woods, were placed in the Marion county jail at Ocala, Fla., for protection, at their own request.

Officers openly expressed fear of another Emmett Till case. The Till youngster, just 14, was slain in Mississippi last year after whistling at a white woman. Two white men were tried for murder but were acquitted by an all-white jury.

The "Hi Babe" incident occurred outside a supermarket Saturday night. A. C. Thornton, manager of the store, said Woods created a disturbance in the store by noisy and boisterous conduct. Thornton said Woods had been drinking.

Woods left shortly after two white women, Mrs. C. D. Wadsworth and Miss Mary Evelyn Hill, 23-year-old schoolteacher, David Hutto, a store employe who carried their bags to the car, reported Woods had insulted the women by yelling "Hi Babe", or "Hi Honey."

Mrs. Wadsworth said later she did not hear the remark but Miss Hill told her about it. Miss Hill remained in seclusion Sunday. Her father said she was "very upset about the commotion."

The store manager, after being told of the incident, notified police who arrested Woods.

Word quickly spread over the small community and there were reports a group of white men would "be waiting" when Woods was released.

PROTECTED NEGRO DISAPPEARS—Policeman E. H. Barry points to blood spots in a jail cell at Wildwood, Fla., from which Jesse Woods, 39-year-old Negro, vanished mysteriously Sunday. He was placed in the cell at his own request for protective custody. He said he was "afraid of some white men" who accused him of insulting a white woman by calling her "honey" or "babe."

Jail Raided; Fear Negro Lynch Victim

Wildwood, Fla., Oct. 28 [Special]—A Negro man, 28, accused of making a "Hey there, honey" remark to a white woman, disappeared today from this central Florida town's tiny jail under circumstances indicating he was kidnaped by a lynch mob.

The unknown persons who took him from his cell between midnight and 1 a. m. knocked a padlock off the jail's front door and left an overturned cot in a cell sprinkled with blood.

Intensive search for the Negro, or his body, got under way before dawn, continued thruout the day, and was still in progress tonight without uncovering any trace of his whereabouts.

150 Officers Join Search

More than 150 armed officers, including members of the state highway patrol, state beverage agents, and sheriffs and deputies from five counties were participating in the search, aided by bloodhounds and airplanes.

Sheriff M. H. Bowman of Sumter county said he will ask the highway patrol to remain in force thruout the night as a precaution against a possible outbreak of racial violence. Seventeen patrol cars were counted here today.

Wildwood is a town of about 2,500 population, of which an estimated 500 are Negroes. It is 75 miles north of Tampa and 45 miles northwest of Orlando.

Just Back from North

The missing man is Jesse Woods, son of Mack and Delia Woods, who live in the all-Negro settlement of Picketsville, 4 miles west of here. Jesse reportedly returned recently to his parents' home after working for two years in the vicinity of New York City.

Jesse's apparent kidnaping took place after he had been jailed on a drunk and disorderly charge, bailed out by his father with $50 cash, and returned to jail for protection when four cars filled with white men began following the father and son in their attempt to drive home.

The only protection Jesse got was to be placed in an unlocked cell in the otherwise empty and unguarded jail, the front door of which was secured with an outside padlock. The jail is a one story brick structure 10 by 20 feet and is devoted entirely to four cells. Police headquarters is in another building a block away.

Asked to Leave Store

The "Hey there, honey" incident which led to Jesse's arrest took place yesterday afternoon in the parking lot of a chain store grocery.

A. C. Thornton, manager of the store, said Jesse entered the store in an apparent drunken condition and created a disturbance by noisy and boisterous conduct. Thornton told police later that Jesse responded, "Cal lthe damn law for all I care," but subsequently left the store quietly.

Two white women, Mrs. C. D. Wadsworth and Miss Mary Evelyn Hill, who had been snopping together, left the store a few minutes later, trailed by David Hutto, a store employe, who was carrying their groceries.

Tells Friend of "Insult"

Thornton said that Hutto returned to the store and reported to him that "a Negro out there insulted the two white ladies." Thornton then telephoned to Police Chief Ed Mullis who came to the store and arrested Jesse in the store's parking lot.

Mrs. Wadsworth said today in an interview she saw a Negro as she and Miss Hill walked to their car. She was several steps ahead of Miss Hill and heard no remark, she said, but after the two women were in the car Miss Hill asked her: "Did you hear what that Negro said to me."

She said Miss Hill then told her the man had said "Hey there, honey." They drove away without further incident.

Miss Hill was in seclusion today at the home of her parents and could not be reached for her version of the affair. Chief Mullis said he has not talked to her.

Followed by White Men

Ella James Woods, sister of Jesse, told of the family's attempt to get Jesse out of jail on bond. She said she heard in the late afternoon that her brother was in jail. She reported this to her father, who raised bail money and drove to the jail, taking her with him.

She said her father gave $50 to the police chief as bail and that Mullis opened the jail door. Jesse came out and entered the car with them.

"We hadn't got two blocks when we noticed some cars were following us," the sister said. "There were at least four cars and they were filled with white men, men in their twenties, it looked like. We got scared and decided to go back to the jail."

She said the trailing cars followed them back to the jail and drove right up in the jail yard. She and her father left Jesse with Mullis and drove home. They were not followed.

"No Talk of Violence"

Officers went to the Woods home at dawn today and took the father and another brother into protective custody. They said they acted at the request of the two men, who were fearful of their safety. They were lodged in the Marion county jail at Ocala, Fla.

Mullis said that a lot of people, both white and Negro, were in the street in front of the jail thruout the early part of the evening, many of them coming from a movie theater across the street. He said he heard no taluk of violence, however, and that the downtown streets were deserted at midnight.

E. H. Barry, night patrolman, was the only police officer on duty at the time of the apparent kidnaping. He was cruising the town in a squad car and noticed about 1 a. m. that a light over the jail door, which customarily burns all night, had gone dark. He investigated and found the lock torn from the door and the prisoner gone.

Blood on Floor, Mattress

"There were spatters of blood on the floor and some on the mattress," Mullis said. "There wasn't a lot of blood—just as if somebody had had a nose bleed."

Mullis disclosed that he had chased two speeding cars a short time before Barry discovered the disappearance. He said he was in his car at a filling station when he saw the cars speed from the direction of the downtown section. He gave chase but was outdistanced.

Kidnaped Florida Negro Alive In 'Good Condition' in Ala.

ANDALUSIA, Ala., Nov. 3 (AP)—A Negro farm workers who was jailed from a Florida jail almost a week ago by a band of white men was found alive and in "good condition" at Andalusia Saturday.

The Negro allegedly called "Hello there, baby" to a white school teacher at Wildwood, Fla.

A physician said Jesse Woods, 39, had superficial wounds of the back apparently from a beating with a leather strap. He had been missing from the Wildwood jail since Sunday.

FBI agents interviewed Woods here for several hours this afternoon declined to release any information.

Covington County Sheriff Cliff Meredith said he took Woods into protective custody at the request of Florida authorities.

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WOODS WAS found at the Andalusia home of E. J. Mashburn, 69, a blind Negro preacher. Mashburn said he arrived Thursday.

Andalusia is in southeast Alabama, about 30 miles from the Florida line.

A physician who examined Woods at Andalusia said the Negro has several superficial wounds on his back which appeared to be the result of a beating with a leather strap. Dr. E. A. Ray said the man had two similar small wounds on the face.

Woods wast taken from the Wildwood jail early Sunday while it was unguarded, Police Chief Ed Mullis said he was away chasing a speeding car. Blood flecked the cell where Woods had been.

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THE FARM WORKER had been locked up Saturday night on charge of being drunk and disorderly. He was released later, but was readmitted to the jail on his own request when he said a group of white men was following him in cars.

Investigators said the white men flogged him at a deserted lakeside spot five miles from here. They were unable to trace Woods further but most of them insisted he was still alive.

MacArthur, Woods, 72-year-old father, exclaimed, "Oh, good Lord almighty, I'm happy," when FBI agents told him his son had been found.

He pranced around the yard of his small farm ,swung his arms and said, "I feel so good, just like I could run."

Woods' mother, known here as "Aunt" Delia, said, "I leaned on the arm of the Lord."

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THE FBI SAID conferences would be held with Florida authorities and the U. S. attorney before any further action is taken in the case.

He was accused of calling a white school teacher "baby" and had been locked in the city jail on charges of drunkenness and disorderly conduct.

Andalusia is a few miles across the Alabama line from Florida.

MISSING NEGRO PRISONER IS FOUND ALIVE

Miami, Nov. 3 (AP)—The federal bureau of investigation announced today that it has found Jesse Woods, missing from the Wildwood city jail since Sunday, in Andalusia, Ala.

Questioned by FBI

C. E. Weeks, Miami FBI agent, said the 39 year old Negro farm hand was being questioned by agents now.

Later the federal authorities will talk with the United States attorney and Florida authorities as to further action in the case, Weeks said.

Woods was taken from a cell, allegedly by a group of white men, taken to a lake near Wildwood and there, according to reports received by police, and flogged.

Found Near Border

Mob Victim Found Safe In Alabama

Man Taken From Florida Jail OK

By Herald Wire Services

ANDALUSIA, Ala. — Jesse Woods was found alive in "good condition" here Saturday, a week after he was spirited from a Wildwood, Fla., jail and flogged for saying "hello there, baby" to a white woman.

It appeared, however, that both Woods and his alleged abductors still have Florida charges to reckon with. Florida authorities went to Andalusia today to bring Woods back and a spokesman said he might be confined at the state prison for safety.

Florida authorities also revealed first sketchy details supplied by Woods on his kidnaping and whipping.

At Ocala, Fla., Gov. LeRoy Collins, who had spurred the search commented:

"Along with all the people of Florida I thank God this man was not treated as brutally as we had feared.

"We feel relieved but by no means does this end the case.

"Jesse Woods was kidnaped while in the custody of law and apparently was beaten. This not only violated his rights but violated the rights of the people of Wildwood and of the state of Florida . . .

"Our law enforcement agencies will diligently follow through with their work until those responsible are brought to justice.

"Woods will of course have to answer under proper legal procedure for any offense he may have committed."

Collins praised conduct of the quest for Woods.

At Wildwood, Don McLeod, director of the Florida Sheriffs Bureau, said one of his investigators went to Andalusia to bring Woods back. McLeod said the Negro probably would be taken to the Florida State Prison at Raiford and held in protective custody until he was needed as a witness.

McLeod said Woods has said "that two or three men went into the jail hit him on the head with a flashlight, took him from the jail, beat him and then turned him loose."

The Miami office of the FBI, whose agents questioned the 39-year-old Negro Saturday, said it would continue to study developing facts for any violation of federal law.

No serious injuries were found in an examination of Woods at Andalusia.

The FBI traced Woods to this south Alabama town 350 miles from the scene of his disappearance through his correspondence with relatives who had helped spirit him out of Florida.

Meanwhile, two white men had been arrested at Wildwood in connection with the case, one of whom, police said, admitted taking part in a flogging of the Negro for his alleged insult to a white school teacher. The suspect said Woods was released alive.

The FBI found Woods at 10 a.m. Saturday at the home of E. J. Mashburn, 69, a blind Negro preacher who said he took Woods into his home as he would "anyone who needed help."

Mashburn said the Negro did not appear to be injured. But official sources amended this to "not seriously" hurt.

Mashburn lives in a four-room shack in this south Alabama town midway between Montgomery and Mobile. The elderly Negro said that Alta Lee Irving, a niece of Woods, and her husband, who live at Ft. Walton, Fla., 80 miles south of here, also came to his home Saturday. They apparently had led the FBI to Woods' place of seclusion.

The niece told Mashburn, the preacher said, that she and her husband had assisted other relatives of Woods in the Wildwood area to take the Negro to Ft Walton on the northwest Florida Gulf coast.

From Ft. Walton, Woods hitchhiked to Andalusia, Mashburn said, and took shelter with him.

3RD KIDNAPING WARRANT GIVEN

Trial Soon for 2 Woods Abduction Suspects

WILDWOOD, Fla., Nov. 5 (AP)—Judge P. B. Howell Sr. issued a kidnaping warrant Monday for a third white man in the seizure and flogging of Jesse Woods, a Negro.

Howell and Sheriff M. H. Bowman, who requested the warrant, refused to identify the man because he is not yet in custody. Bowman added he did not know just when officers would be able to put their hands on this man.

Howell said he plans to hold a preliminary hearing "sometime next week" for the two white men already in custody. They are George Altman, 25, a meat salesman, and Jack L. Sands, a farmer. Both are charged with kidnaping.

Woods, 39, a Negro farm laborer, disappeared from the unguarded Wildwood city jail Oct. 28. He had been charged with drunkenness and disorderly conduct and accused of saying, "Hello there, baby" to a young white woman.

Located by the FBI in Andalusia, Ala., Saturday, Woods said he had been taken from the jail by two or three white men, beaten, and released.

Woods was brought to the state prison at Raiford for safekeeping Sunday. Monday circuit Judge T. G. Futch issued an order at the request of state attorney A. P. Buie directing that Woods be held in the state prison as a material witness.

Warden DeWitt Sinclair reported Woods "looked in good shape" and added, "There's not a scratch on him."

A physician who examined him at Andalusia said Woods had several superficial wounds which appeared to be the result of a beating with a leather strap but that his physical condition was good.

More Arrests In Flogging Due

WILDWOOD, Fla., Nov. 5 (AP).—"There certainly will be more arrests" in the Jesse Woods kidnaping and flogging case, says Director Don McLeod of the Florida Sheriffs Bureau.

He made the remark last night after Woods, 39-year-old Negro, was taken to the State prison at Raiford for safekeeping and made a statement about what happened after he allegedly said "Hello there, baby" to a white woman.

Two white men are charged with kidnaping him from the unguarded Wildwood jail early October 28. Mr. McLeod would not say how many more arrests are likely.

After the abduction, Woods was taken to a deserted lakeside spot near Wildwood, beaten and freed. He fled to Andalusia, Ala., where he was found Saturday by the FBI, ending fears he had been lynched.

Mr. McLeod said Woods' statement will not be released. He explained the man will be called as a witness in cases stemming from the incident.

Woods is not a prisoner and agreed to return to Florida "if we would guarantee protection, Mr. McLeod said. He added: "I wouldn't say he's in any danger but taking him to the State prison is the only way we can positively guarantee safety."

The sheriffs bureau, a State agency, is in charge of Woods' case.

Warden Dewitt Sinclair reported Woods "looked in good shape." Newsmen asked whether there was any visible sign he had been beaten and the warden said "there's not a scratch on him that I can see."

'Hello, Baby' Negro Put in Raiford

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RAIFORD — (AP) — Jesse Woods, Negro spirited from a Florida country jail and flogged for saying "hello there, baby" to a white woman, was brought to state prison here Sunday for safekeeping.

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An officer of the Florida Sheriffs Bureau arrived with him at 4 p.m. from Andalusia, Ala. Woods had gone to Andalusia to hide after his abductors released him at Wildwood, Fla., early last Sunday.

He was found in Andalusia Saturday after week-long searching and investigating by Florida officers who called in the FBI for help when it was feared he may have been a lynch victim.

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No statement was available from Woods or the officer who brought him here. Warden De Witt Sinclair identified the officer only as "Deputy Williams" of the Sheriffs Bureau staff.

The warden reported Woods, 39, "looked in good shape and in fairly good spirits." Asked whether there was any visible evidence that he had been beaten, Sinclair said "there's not a scratch on him that I can see."

A physician who examined Woods at Andalusia said he had several superficial wounds on his back which appeared to be the result of a beating with a leather strap, plus two similar small wounds on the face. The doctor said, however, "his physical condition is good."

Sinclair said, "the boy wanted to come here for protection. He wants them to leave him here."

No commitment of any kind has been filed against him at state prison, the warden continued. Don McLeod, director of the Sheriffs Bureau, has said Woods will be held at state prison for his safety until he is needed as a witness against his alleged floggers.

Woods, a farm worker, was taken from the Wildwood jail early last Sunday while it was unguarded. Blood flecked the cell where he had been.

He had been locked up on charges of being drunk and disorderly. He was released later but was readmitted to the jail on his own request when he said a group of white men was following him in cars.

Investigators said the white men flogged him at a deserted lake side spot five miles from Wildwood. They said he allegedly had called "hello there, baby" to a white school teacher.

Two white men have been arrested in Wildwood on charges of kidnaping the Negro. They are George (Georgia Boy) Altman, 25, and Jack L. Sands.

Camp Gordon soldier arrested in flogging case

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WILDWOOD, Fla., Nov. 7—(AP)—Frank Collins, a soldier stationed at Camp Gordon, Ga., was arrested last night on a charge of kidnaping Jesse Woods, Negro farm laborer, from the Wildwood City Jail.

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He is the third man arrested in the kidnaping-flogging case.

Arrested at Augusta, Ga., he was brought to the Sumter County Jail at Bushnell.

Sheriff M. H. Bowman said Collins was home on furlough at the time Woods was spirited from the Wildwood Jail Oct. 28. Woods later turned up at Andalusia, Ala.

Collins' home is at nearby Whitney, a small community between Wildwood and Leesburg.

Others held on kidnaping charges in the case are George Altman and Jack L. Sands. They are in the Alachua County Jail at Gainesville.

Unguarded Fla Man Believed Lynched

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Accused Of Insulting White Woman

WILDWOOD, Florida — Reminiscent of the infamous Till murder in Money, Mississippi during the Fall of 1955, a similar crime is believed to have been committed here when Jesse Woods a 28-year old farm laborer of Royal — a small community five miles from here — accused of calling a white woman "honey" or "baby", was removed from a small jail here early Monday morning, causing belief that he was spirited away and lynched by a white mob. Blood and an overturned bunk was all found in his cell when a routine check was made by police early Monday.

"I don't know what to believe," Police Chief Ed Mullis told The Informer in a long distance telephone interview Monday afternoon. Chief Mullis said that more than 150 Florida highway patrolmen, sheriffs' deputies and federal officers are combing a wide area for Mr. Woods. No trace of him has been found.

Chief Mullis declined to speculate on what happened to the laborer. He did say, however, that entrance was gained by knocking off a small lock from the small building. When asked if the prisoner was left alone in the jail, Chief Mullis gave an affirmative answer.

"We have only one policeman on duty at night," Mullis told The Informer. "His job is to patrol the town and check the jail," he added.

The chief said that an air of tension gripped the small farming and railroad center a few hours after the incident, but everything was normal Monday morning. Mr Woods was arrested on a charge of drunkenness and disorderly conduct Saturday afternoon, the police chief said. He added that Mr Woods had "insulted a white woman."

Chief Mullis said that Mr Woods, who had been ordered from a grocery store for creating a disturbance, said, "Hey, honey" or "Hey, Baby" to a white woman who was taking groceries to her automobile. The chief was not sure of the exact words which Mr Woods reportedly used.

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Mr Woods was taken to the jail which is just off Main Street, but was released about midnight on a $0.00 bond and his father — MacArther Woods — and other members of the family drove the 28-year-old man away.

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The police officials said the recently-released man and his father returned to the jail a few minutes later, explaining that some white men were following them and they were afraid. Chief Mullis said, "Both Jesse and his dad asked that he (Jesse) be locked up for safety."

He added:

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"A midnight show had just turned out and a crowd (both Negroes and whites) gathered at the jail.

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"The Negroes left, then the whites; so I thought that everything was all right.

"I went to a filling station to get my windshield cleaned and saw two cars racing by. They were going about 90 miles an hour and I gave chase, but lost them. I returned to the jail and found he (Mr Woods) was gone."

When asked if he believes that Mr Woods was abducted by the persons in the speeding cars, the chief said, "I dunno." When asked if the cars' occupants were white, he gave the same answer.

After this happened, Mr Woods' father and brother were taken, at their own request, to the county jail at Ocala for safekeeping. A jailer at the Ocala jail told The Informer Monday evening that no harm befell the two men and they left early Monday. He said Ocala is in Marion County, 28 miles from Wilderwood, which is in Sumter County.

Sheriff M. H. Bowman of Sumter County, when asked if he thought a coup of white men had taken Mr Woods from his jail cell, said he did not know. He said it was possible for Mr Woods to have broken out himself. However, he added it is unlikely.

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TAKEN TO RAIFORD, FLA.

Victim in Florida Jail Seizure Found Alive

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WILDWOOD, Fla., Nov. 3 (INS)—The FBI announced today in Miami that Jesse Woods, missing Negro farmhand who was believed kidnaped from a Wildwood, Fla., jail cell Sunday by an angry group of white citizens, has been located in Andalusia, Ala.

Charles E. Weeks, special agent in charge of the Miami FBI office, said police are interviewing Woods in Andalusia pending a conference with the United States attorney and local Florida authorities as to further action.

Woods, 39, had allegedly yelled "Hello there baby" at a young white school teacher.

He had been released on bond after his arrest for being drunk and disorderly but was returned to his cell by his father, MacArthur Woods, 71, for "protection" when an angry mob followed him.

Early Sunday, officers found Woods' cell empty and spattered with blood. A search by some 150 officers from seven central Florida counties was launched. The FBI entered the case later this week.

Last Monday, a bloodstained shirt and hat were discovered on the outskirts of Wildwood by a resident working in his garden. They were identified Tuesday by Woods' father as belonging to the feared lynch victim.

Since then, two persons have been arrested for questioning in the incident.

Memphis, Tenn. Sunday
An officer of the Florida Sheriffs Bureau arrived with him from Andalusia, Ala. Woods had gone to Andalusia to hide after his abductors released him at Wildwood, Fla., early last Sunday.

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He was found in Andalusia Saturday after a week-long search by Florida officers who called in the FBI for help when it was feared he may have been a lynch victim.

No statement was available from Woods or the officer who brought him here. Warden Dewitt Sinclair reported Woods, 39, "looked in good shape and in fairly good spirits." Asked whether there was any visible evidence he had been beaten, Mr. Sinclair said: "There's not a scratch on him that I can see."

A physician who examined Woods at Andalusia said he had several superficial wounds on his back which appeared to be the result of a beating with a leather strap, plus two similar small wounds on the face.

Woods, a farm worker, was taken from the Wildwood jail early last Sunday while it was unguarded. Blood flecked the cell where he had been.

He had been locked up on charges of being drunk and disorderly. He was released later but was readmitted to the jail on his own request when he said a group of white men was following him.

Investigators said white men flogged him at a deserted lake side spot five miles from Wildwood. They said he allegedly had called "hello there, baby" to a white school teacher.

Two white men have been arrested in Wildwood on charges of kidnaping the Negro. They are George Altman, 25, and Jack L. Sands.

Woods, 39-year-old Negro who allegedly said "hello there, baby" to a white school teacher, heard reports today that he was hauled out of his City Jail cell and severely beaten by a group of white men, but was left alive.

Woods has not yet been found. He was taken Sunday from a cell that bore marks of violence, including bloodstains and a broken stool.

Wed. 10-31-56

A blood-stained shirt and hat Woods wore to jail were identified yesterday.

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Two investigators were questioning men who apparently saw the night violence. One of the witnesses said Woods was flogged, but was alive and that he was left on a little-traveled road near here.

Woods was placed in jail at his own request for protection. He had been booked earlier on charges of drunkenness and disorderly conduct, but had been released.

He was back a few minutes later, asking to be locked up again, because, he said, white men in cars had followed him.

Sheriff M. C. Bowman said he thinks Woods is alive, but added that he had nothing to support the belief.

City Police Chief Ed Mullis said Woods had denied making the familiar remark to the white teacher, Mary Evelyn Hill.

But the chief added, "He also denied being drunk. He was, and he was boisterous."

The shirt and hat were picked up in a patch of sandspurs only four blocks from the City Jail. The buttons were gone from the shirt and it was flecked with blood.

questioned Woods for more than two hours, but failed to reveal the results of the questioning. According to C. E. Weeks, FBI agent, Federal authorities will also turn to the United States attorney and local authorities in Florida.

The missing man was alleged to have been taken out of a Wildwood jail last Sunday by a group of white men.

George Altman, a 30-year-old grocer was arrested Thursday in Wildwood and formally charged with kidnapping in connection with the disappearance of the 39-year-old farm hand.

Sumpter County Sheriff M. H. Bowman said an investigation led him to believe that Altman and at least seven other men had kidnapped Woods from his jail cell Sunday.

Seven Florida whites freed in Negro flogging

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Wed. 12-12-56

BUSHNELL, Fla., Dec. 12 — (AP) — Seven white men were cleared today of charges of flogging Jesse Woods, 39, Negro who had been forcibly taken from nearby Wildwood jail.

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The men were cleared on a directed verdict by Circuit Judge T. G. Futch after State Atty. A. P. Buie, himself, asked that four of the men be freed.

The case blew wide open when Buie complained that witnesses changed their stories when they came into Sumter County Courthouse to testify.

The defense then moved that directed verdicts of acquittal be granted for the other three defendants.

THE STATE had just lost a battle to get in a statement from George (Georgia Boy) Altman. The statement was taken after Altman's arrest in connection with the flogging case.

Buie asked that charges be dropped against Keith Sands of Jacksonville; Max Stumborg of Wildwood; Leaman Lundy of Belleview, and Doyle Polk of Marion County.

The other three defendants were Robert Nesmith of Belleview; Ezekial Alderman of Wildwood, and Aaltman.

Buie said there still could be an investigation into the overall flogging case within the next two years—when the statute of limitation expires.

Asked if he planned to take action against the witnesses who he said changed their stories, he replied he did not. He said there would be "no way to prove" perjury and there would "be no hope of conviction."

WOOD, A FARM laborer, was arrested Oct. 27 on charges of drunkenness and disorderly conduct. Arresting officers reported that the Negro said, "hello there, baby," to a white school teacher.

Wood testified at the trial that he was released on bond and asked to be placed back in jail because white men were following him.

He related that he was forced from the jail, taken east of Wildwood, kicked, beat on the shoulder by both ends of belts and struck by fists.

splotches in his cell.

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Search is Resumed

Don McLeod, director of the sheriff's bureau, came here with two assistants to coöperate with Sheriff M. H. Bowman of Sumter county in the search. It was reported he plans to interview several local men.

The sheriff said that an intensive search of wooded and rural areas near here, in which 150 men took part yesterday, failed to disclose a trace of Woods or his body. The search was still in progress today.

The sheriff today rejected an offer by Gov. Leroy Collins of national guard help. Bowman said he has seen no indication of racial unrest and does not believe the guard is needed to keep the peace.

Offer $500 Reward

Paul Yates Jr., of Sanford, Fla., who publishes weekly newspapers in Sanford and Wildwood, announced a $500 cash reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of persons responsible for taking Woods from the jail.

Woods' parents, Mack and Delia Woods, of the nearby all-Negro settlement of Picketsville, said in an interview at their home that they are still hopeful their son may be alive but believe chances of this are small. The father and another of his sons spent Sunday in protective custody in the Marion county jail at Ocala, Fla. They returned home today.

PRESS SEARCH FOR NEGRO IN JAIL MYSTERY

Daily Tribune
Chicago Ill.
Tues. 10-30-56

Wildwood, Fla., Oct. 29 [Special]—Agents of the Florida sheriff's bureau a state criminal investigation agency, arrive here today to assist local officers in the search for Jesse Woods, 39, Negro, who disappeared yesterday from the city jail under circumstances suggesting kidnaping.

Woods had been arrested Saturday for disorderly conduct which assertedly involved his making a "Hey there, honey" remark to a white woman. He was freed on bail a few hours later but returned to the jail seeking safety and was a voluntary prisoner at the time of his disappearance. A lock had been knocked off the jail door and there were blood

NEGRO IS IN PRISON AS SAFETY MEASURE

Commercial Appeal
Memphis, Tenn.

Florida Flogging Victim Is Reported 'In Good Shape'

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RAIFORD, Fla., Nov. 4. — (AP) — Jesse Woods, Negro spirited from a Florida jail and flogged for allegedly flirting with a white woman, was brought to State Prison here for safekeep-

Missing Man's Clothes Found

Evening Star
Washington D.C.

WILDWOOD, Fla., Oct. 31 (AP) —Investigators seeking Jesse

Woods Is Found Alive In Home Of Alabama Minister

Daily World
Sunday 11-4-56

MIAMI, Fla. (SNS)— The Federal Bureau of Investigation has announced that Jesse Woods, missing from the Wildwood, Florida jail since last Sunday has been found alive, it was disclosed yesterday.

Woods was found in Andalusia, Alabama at the home of a minister and his wife.

The FBI is reported to have

Missing Florida Negro Found Alive, FBI Still May 'Act'

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New Orleans

WILDWOOD, Fla. (ANP)---Jesse Woods, 39-year-old Negro farm hand who was missing six days after being kidnapped from a city jail by a group of white men, was found alive last Saturday at Andalusia, Ala.

FBI investigators who located him described his condition as "good."

Woods has been staying at the home of a blind Negro minister Elder E. J. Mashburn, since last Thursday.

He was transferred to the Florida State prison in Raiford, where he will remain in protective custody pending his appearance as a witness in case action is taken against his abductors.

Woods was taken from the Wildwood city jail a week ago last Sunday while it was unguarded. He had been locked up several hours earlier on charges of being drunk and for allegedly said, "Hello, baby," to a white woman.

City, state and federal investigators said the white men flogged Woods at a deserted lake side spot five miles from Wildwood. They were unable to trace him further, but most of them insisted he was still alive.

Meanwhile, FBI agents are awaiting word from Washington as to the next move in the case.

The Florida Sheriff's Bureau said George "Georgia Boy" Altman, 25, who admitted he took part in flogging Woods, was being transferred to a jail at Gainesville, Fla., where another white man, Jack Sands, 21, was being held on a kidnapping charge.

Citizens of Wildwood and neighboring towns were happy over news that Woods was still alive. Many of them felt that some action should be taken against the persons who spirited him out of jail and beat him.

Happiest of all were Woods' 71 year-old father and 68-year-old mother.

"Oh, good Lord Almighty, I'm happy,' MacArthur Woods exclaimed when FBI agents told him his son had been found.

Woods' mother, known as "Aunt Delia," said, "I leaned on the arm of the Lord."

"I felt lifted up, she added. "It was just like a burden had been lifted off me. I am so glad to know he is living right on."

The elder Woods added that he did not know whether he wanted his son to come here or not to live, but he would be happy if Jesse could come back.

Asked whether he thought the white men who kidnapped his son from the jail would go free as in the Till case, Woods said: "I believe they're going to come through this time."

One white business man, who refused to give his name, said: "The days are past when that sort of thing can be done and gotten away with."

Florida Hunts Participants In Kidnaping

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Montgomery, Ala,
Wed 11-1-36

WILDWOOD, Fla. Nov. 6 (AP)—Officers who were searching for Jesse Woods a week ago are hunting today for more members of the gang which flogged the 39-year-old Negro laborer after he reportedly called a white woman "baby."

A kidnaping warrant for a third white man was issued yesterday by Sumter County Judge P. B. Howell Sr. Howell refused to name the man until officers have him in custody. George Altman and Jack L. Sands were arrested last week and are still being held without bond.

Woods is being held for safekeeping in state prison at Raiford as a material witness on order of Circuit Judge T. G. Futch.

A physician said Woods, found by the FBI last Saturday in Andalusia, Ala., is in good physical condition but has several minor marks such as would have been made by a beating with a leather strap.

Woods related he was taken from the unguarded jail here early on the morning of Oct. 28 by two or three white men, hit on the head with a blackjack, taken to a lonely area and flogged, then freed.

Howell said he plans to hold a preliminary hearing next week for the defendants in the case.

'Missing' Man Flogged; Two White Men Jailed

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WILDWOOD, Fla.—Jesse Woods, a 39-year-old migrant farmer missing for six days after being hauled out of the city jail by a white mob, was found alive Saturday at Andalusia, Alabama. Investigators have arrested two white men on charges of kidnapping Mr Woods. They are George Altman, 25, and Jack L. Sands.

FBI agents who located Mr Woods said he was in "good condition." The victim was beaten by the white men after he allegedly called "Hey, honor" or "Hey, baby" to a white school teacher, police reported.

Mr Woods was staying at the home of Elder E J Mashburn, a blind 69-year-old minister. Elder Mashburn said Mr Woods arrived last Thursday.

FBI agents questioned Mr Woods and said that conferences would be held with Florida authorities and the US attorney before any further action is taken in the case.

Sheriff M H Bowman of Sumter County and Don McCleod, director of the Florida Sheriffs' Bureau, said in a joint statement that Altman and Sands had been removed to the Pinellas County jail in Clearwater after their arrest.

The statement said Altman was arrested "as a principal" in the kidnapping of Mr Woods. He was held without bond in the Clearwater jail.

The police said local citizens, who apparently knew of the kidnaping, told them Mr Woods had been beaten in a densely wooded area.

A blood-soaked felt hat and a blood-splotched flannel shirt both of which were worn by Mr Woods were found on Oct. 30, four blocks from the jail.

Announcement of the find was made by Sheriff Bowman, who said the clothing had probably been thrown from a car.

The discovery was regarded as convincing that Mr Woods, was a kidnap victim.

Until the clothing was found, Bowman clung to a theory that Mr Woods might have broken out of jail and gone into hiding.

The tiny city jail was unguarded at the time Mr Woods vanished between midnight and 1 a.m. A night police officer found that a padlock had been ripped from the jail's front door. Inside a bunk had been overturned and spots of blood were found on the floor and on a mattress.

Bowman said the shirt looked as if it had been ripped off its wearer. All the buttons were torn off. There was a puddle of congealed blood inside the hat, which was twisted out of shape. Small spots of blood covered the shirt.

The finding of the clothes was the first break in a search which began at dawn on Oct 28. State highway patrolmen, state agents, and sheriffs and deputies from five counties took part.

Bowman said Leonard Smith, a local white farmer, found the clothing. He said the hat and shirt were about 18 feet apart, both lying in weeds along a clay road bordering a vacant stretch of land.

Bowman said he withheld announcement of the find until he could obtain positive identification. This was supplied on Oct. 30 by Mack Woods, Jr, brother of the missing man, and Levona Woods, wife of Mack.

Police Chief Ed Mullis,, who in a long distance telephone interview last week told The Informer that he had no idea what happened to Mr Woods, said Saturday, "I'm sure glad they found him. I figured somebody took him out of there."

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BACKERBOX JAIL — This is the city Wildwood, Fla., jail from which Jesse Woods, 39-year-old veteran, was kidnapped and flogged by a white mob Saturday night. An army of FBI agents, highway patrolmen and city and county police searched for him for four days before the FBI found him alive in Alabama.

'Wish I had nickel for every man who said 'hello, baby'

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Baltimore, Md.

BY E. M. OLIVER

TAMPA, FLa.—"I wish I had a nickel for every white man that said 'hello baby' to me."

"Just the other day, one of them said to me out of a clear blue sky—I don't know him at all—'You are certainly a beautiful brown-skinned woman.'

"I thought to myself what would happen if the situation were reversed — if I were a white woman and he was a colored man."

Lovely Mrs. X was telling the AFRO Wednesday night just exactly what she thought about the Jesse Woods incident which occurred in Wildwood, Fla.

She is the beautiful wife of a professional man and a mother. (Her name is omitted for obvious reasons.)

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WOODS, 39, the son of Farmer McArthur Woods, was accused of saying "hello, baby" to a white school teacher, Miss Mary Evelyn Hill, in an A and P store here.

He was arrested for allegedly being drunk and disorderly Saturday night and was lodged in the city jail.

Kidnaped from there, Woods has not yet been found. Authorities are holding two suspects in his disappearance.

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"Any woman really likes to be told she looks very nice. It's flattering and it's all right if it is a man who says it.

"Colored women have been admired by men regardless of color, but if men are going to be beaten and murdered for saying 'hello baby,' I know a lot of them who would be gone.

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"IF YOU really want to see something, just come a half a block near my home a little after dark, and see what goes on," the matron continued.

"What I say is true, any shape, form or fashion. I've had to run from them. They stop their cars and they say 'Come on, baby, get in.'

"They do it everywhere, as any woman can tell you, and especially here."

The vivacious, young matron talked to this reporter after a party she and her husband and friends had attended.

She was dressed in a smart, black sheath dress, had a mink stole about her shoulders. Her jewelry was gold; and on her arms she wore many golden bracelets.

Her handsome husband is a native of this area and is considered prosperous. Both are graduates of colleges in the state.

Blood Found in Cell

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Negro Taken From Jail, Mob Violence Is Feared

WILDWOOD, Fla., Oct. 28 (AP).—A Negro who police said called a white woman "honey" or "baby" was spirited from a small jail early today. Blood was found in his cell.

About 150 Florida highway patrolmen and sheriffs' deputies from five counties combed a wide area looking for Jesse Woods, twenty-eight, of near Wildwood. Neither they nor aerial searchers found a trace of him. Authorities declined to speculate on what had happened to him.

Entrance to the jail cell was gained by knocking a small lock from the door. Woods' cell was splattered with blood and a bunk was overturned.

Charge of Drunkenness

An air of tension gripped this small farming and railroad center, seventy-five miles north of Tampa, on U. S. 301, a few hours after the incident, but normalcy returned with daylight.

Police Chief Ed Mullis said Woods, a farm laborer, was arrested on a charge of drunkenness and disorderly conduct late Saturday afternoon. He added that Woods "insulted a white woman."

Chief Mullis said that Woods, who had been ordered from a grocery store for creating a disturbance, said "'Hey, honey' or 'Hey, baby,' I don't know which," to a white woman who was taking groceries to a parked car. Another woman was accompanying the one to whom the remarks were directed.

Woods was taken to the ten-foot-high jail which sits back off Main Street and backs up to Seaboard Air Line Railroad tracks. He was released on $50 bond about midnight and his father and other members of the family drove Woods away.

Asked Safety of Jail

Chief Mullis said the father and Woods returned in a few minutes to the jail, saying "some white men were following them and they were scared." They asked that Woods be returned to jail for safety.

The officer added: "A midnight show (movie) had just let out and a crowd gathered at the jail. Most were curiosity seekers. The crowd scattered out and we thought everything was all right.

"Then when I was seated in my car in a filling station I saw two cars come racing by. I gave chase, then I lost them. I returned to the jail and found he (Woods) was out."

That was when Sheriff M. H. Bowman called in highway pa-

...olmen and deputies as a preventive against racial disturbance.

Asked whether he was sure that white men got Woods out of jail, Chief Mullis said "there were lots of colored people there too. I don't know whether it was white or colored."

Woods' kid brother tells of scenes prior to kidnaping

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By ELIZABETH M. OLIVER

WILDWOOD, Fla.—Why was Jesse Woods jailed? What happened during his first brief period in jail and why was he locked up a second time?

After being locked up a second time, how long was he in jail and why was he taken from the jail and beaten by an angry mob?

In an exclusive interview with Willie Woods, Jesse's younger brother, and MacArthur Woods, his father, the AFRO was given a narrative account of the events.

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FIRST OF ALL, Jesse was arrested on a drunk and disorderly conduct charge. His father and younger brother requested that he be locked up a second time for his protection from what they believed a mob.

An angry mob took him from the jail, shortly after he was jailed for protection because he supposedly said "hello baby" to a white woman.

He was badly beaten by the mob (three suspects have been arrested); later he was given refuge by a blind minister.

"WE (Willie Mae, father, and me) were there (the jail) between 7 and 8 on Saturday night," Willie said. "I asked the police chief to let me have him (Jesse). I had the money."

The police chief told Willie he had to see the mayor before he could let him bail Jesse out of jail, Willie added.

He said "We then drove to Plymouth (about 52 miles) to get daddy. We returned and daddy talked to them (police). We were told that Jesse couldn't be bonded until after 12.

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"AN OFFICER said they had to keep Jesse for six hours so he could sober up. That's the way they do here.

"A little bit after 12, we took Jesse to the car. A crowd was gathering and all the white (people's) cars started crowding around and they followed us.

"We drove back to the jail and asked if we could have Jesse locked up again. People were standing around — in bunches like. They didn't say anything. They were just crowding around.

"There were 15 or 20 of them over beside an automobile place and around the movie house and a filling station.

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"THEY SAID: 'All right, if you want to you can have him locked up again.' And daddy went with them when they put Jesse back in jail."

Asked if he noticed if the cell was locked, Mr. Woods said: "Yes, it was locked. I was satisfied of that before I left."

Willie added: "We left the police standing there at the jail when they locked Jesse up the second time."

Both the father and younger son said the police didn't say anything as to whether they were going to stay around and watch out for the prisoner before they left.

THE FATHER said after they left the jail a little past midnight, he went to get Will Sessler to take him to Williston to get information from his "best white friend."

He said he called his friend on the phone and he said he would see him in the morning, but changed his mind after Mr. Woods told him:

"I got a boy in the Wildwood jail and I got to see you now."

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UPON ARRIVING at his friend's, the friend called the Wildwood police and was told "Wildwood is in hot water; its an awful stir." He told Mr. Woods, "if you go back there they'll get you."

"I learned Jesse was gone, after going to Williston police station with my friend.

"My friend said to me: 'Don't you go back, I'll take you to Ocala and I'll go to Wildwood and see what's going on. I'll guarantee you we don't have no such goings on around here in Williston.'"

"HE TOOK me to Ocala in his car. Wille Mae and Willie were with me and we stayed in Ocala until 4 p.m. the next day.

"The newspapermen came and they wanted to take our pictures. I wondered what was going on. I didn't know all.

"So I called the Marion County sheriff. He said I could have my picture taken if I wanted to and if I didn't, he would clear them out.'"

"Wilbert Lewis and Mark Franklin, my sons-in-law, came after us and took us home. I haven't had the heart to go back to town since.

"I'll go to see Jesse if they will let me. They promised that they would and I sure hope they will."

Collins said: "Along with all the people of Florida I thank God this man was not treated as brutally as we had feared.

"We feel relieved but by no means does this end the case."

Woods was kidnapped while in the custody of the law and was apparently beaten. This not only violated his rights but violated the rights of the people of Wildwood and of the state of Florida.

Our law enforcement agencies will diligently follow through with their work.

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WOODS, WHEN interviewed in Andalusia, first refused to give any information concerning the incident.

He later told newsmen that two or three men went into the jail, hit him over the head with a flashlight, took him from the jail, beat him and then turned him loose.

He gave little information as to how he arrived in Andalusia which is about 100 miles below Montgomery, Ala.

The two white men who had been jailed in the case (second was Jack Sands, a farmer) are still being held.

FBI agents who have been investigating the case indicate that they will question Woods when he arrives at Raiford.

Woods had been smuggled out of Wildwood by his family to Fort Walton, Fla., and was taken from there to Andalusia. The FBI was able to trace him down through a letter written to his niece, Alta Lee Irving.

Mob 'Victim' Found Alive 400 Miles From Wildwood

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Sat 11-10-56

By ALBERT J. DUNMORE
(Courier Florida Editor)

WILDWOOD, Fla. — Jesse Woods, 39-year-old farm worker, who was abducted from a prison here and flogged last Saturday, Nov. 3, was found in Andalusia, Ala., some 400 miles from here.

Woods was taken into custody at the home of E. J. Mashburn, a 69-year-old blind Negro minister, by the Andalusia sheriff. A physician examining Woods said he had only superficial wounds and had been apparently beaten with a leather strap.

Florida authorities went to Andalusia Saturday to bring Woods back to the state . . . an official said he might be confined at the state prison in Raiford for safety.

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GOV. LEROY COLLINS, who had watched the developments in the Wildwood situation, was in nearby Ocala when the news of Woods' discovery was announced.

Beaten vet found in Ala. town

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By ELIZABETH M. OLIVER
AFRO Staff Correspondent

WILDWOOD, Fla. — "They found my boy in Andalusia, Alabama," declared McArthur Woods, 72, father of Jesse Woods, 39-year-old kidnap-flogging victim in the now celebrated "Hello there, baby" case.

"I am so glad. I feel good and relieved," joyously proclaimed Mrs. Della Woods, 68-year-old mother of Jesse.

That is the way the distressed parents of Woods, who had been missing for six days since he was taken from the city jail and beaten by a mob of white men, announced that Jesse had been found alive.

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FBI AGENTS, who informed the parents of finding Woods in Andalusia, said he was in "good condition." The Federal agents made the announcement Saturday. Andalusia is 30 miles from the western Florida state line.

Woods had been staying at the home of Elder E. J. Mashburn, a blind minister, who said he had been there since Thursday. Elder Mashburn befriended the wounded man without knowing he was the victim of the kidnap-flogging case.

Early Sunday, Woods had been returned to Florida and was confined to the Raiford State penitentiary for "protective custody," before he had been permitted to see them.

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FBI AGENTS were still trying to determine whether or not they had jurisdiction in the case. No definite date had been set for a hearing in the case, though officials indicated that a hearing would be held as soon as the suspects accused in the kidnap-flogging could be rounded up and sufficient evidence obtained. Two men already have been arrested in connection with the case, and nine others reported being sought.

MEANWHILE, Dr. E. A. Ray, a private physician who also works for the county, said Woods had several superficial wounds on his back, the apparent result of a beating with a strap.

He also had several wounds on his head, but his "physical condition is good," the doctor added. Dr. Ray indicated that the skin around the wounds had been slightly broken but had partially healed.

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DON McLEOD, director of the Florida Sheriff's Bureau, announced that one of his investigators had brought Woods back to Florida and that he was at the state prison at Raiford.

Mr. McLeod said that Woods had told the investigator that two or three men came in the jail, hit him over the head with a flashlight, took him from the jail, beat him, then turned him loose.

According to Mr. McLeod, Woods did not identify his assailants nor did he say how he got to Andalusia.

Mr. and Mrs. Woods, parents of the beating victim, told the AFRO of the finding of Woods while in the yard of their home, five miles from Wildwood's city limits.

They relayed the information given them by FBI agents while the federal agents were still in the yard.

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"THE FBI told us that as soon as they got the news they came right and told us. They said he is in good hands. They told us that the same people that's working here with us are the same ones in Alabama and that they won't hurt Jesse none," Mr. Wood said.

This reporter had seen the parents many times since arriving in Wildwood and knew of their sorrow. They had just walked around in the yard, wringing their hands. On Wednesday, the father had told the AFRO if we ever saw Jesse to bring him home so he could see him once more.

"They said he had some bumps on his head and they want him to stay until he gets straightened up," the mother said.

"I am so glad. I feel like a burden has been lifted off me.

"To know he is living is a consolation to me. I didn't have no appetite to eat and I just could not sleep.

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"I HAVEN'T BEEN able to do anything. It just kept me worrying. I was listening to them (the FBI) talk and at first. I just knew they was coming to tell me Jesse was dead."

"They told me that I must have done some kind of praying. I'm sure glad now and I feel much better."

The elderly couple fairly danced about the sandy, grass-bare yard. A windstorm was coming up but they did not mind. Little children, their grandchildren, ran about the yard playing, never realizing what was going on.

Asked if they felt if and when Jesse was returned to Wildwood that he would be in danger, they replied:

"Those FBI men said that nobody would hurt Jesse. They said they were glad that he was alive and alright."

I asked the FBI men to tell me where they found Jesse. They said it was in Alabama. They asked me if I was "Oliver" from the AFRO.

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PREVIOUSLY THE FBI had told me that they had become "attached" to the old couple, that they had been with them for so many days now, and that they were very glad for their sake that Jesse was found alive and safe.

They said: "We were just hunting around for clues, trying to find Jesse — just like you newspaper people were doing."

No one was there in the grass-bare yard now. It was the first day when I had been present that the place was not swarming with FBI men, newspaper reporters, photographers, and government authorities.

At one time there on Wednesdays, press representatives from the national magazines, weekly papers, press services, of Florida's large daily newspapers crowded the place.

"They have took enough pictures here," said the 72-year-old father of Jesse Wood, "to fill up this yard from that banana tree clean over to this orange tree."

"They told me that I must have done some kind of praying, the FBI men told me. I'm so glad my boy is safe," the mother said.

MRS. WOOD suffers with high blood pressure and is "not so well." The mother of 13 children, she has nine living. She and Mr. Wood were married in 1908.

The FBI arrived at the home about 2:30 p.m. Saturday to make their announcement to the parents who had been in fear for the life of their son since he disappeared from the city jail Saturday after midnight.

He had been accused of "drunk and disorderly" conduct had been released on $50 bond, returned to the jail "for safe keeping," had been kidnapped from there and beaten.

He also was accused of calling "Hello there, baby," to a young white school teacher.

All this course of events, plus the excitement of having so much "company" going in and out of their house, caused the Woods family to be upset in every respect.

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IN MIAMI, Charles E. Weeks, FBI special agent of this area, stated that after finding Woods at 221 College St. in Andalusia, they took him to headquarters, questioned him. The results of the interview with Woods were not revealed.

Mr. Weeks said that the next steps would be taken after the U.S. Attorney office and local Florida authorities had determined what it would be.

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MEANWHILE authorities are holding George (Georgia Boy) Altman, 25, a meat cutter, and Jack L. Sands, a 21-year-old unemployed railroad hand and farmer. Both are white.

Altman was arrested Wednesday evening, is being held in "protective custody" in the Pinellas County jail at Clearwater.

Although it was reported that "Georgia Boy" was to have a hearing Friday, County Judge P. B. Howell said no hearing was held, that he did not know when it would be held.

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"NO HEARING is scheduled," he said. "No hearing can be held until sufficient facts have been gathered.

"When the proper evidence is properly made to the proper authorities and a proper request by the parties involved, a hearing will be granted," he added.

Dan Bradshaw of Inverness, a town about 19 miles west of Wildwood, who is the attorney representing "Georgia Boy," the accused kidnapper, would give no statement.

Sands was picked up by officers Thursday for questioning, released and later picked up again on the order of Judge Howell.

SANDS WAS also charged with kidnapping. He is reported to have given a signed statement which seemed to correspond with that of Altman, that he did "have something to do" with the flogging given Woods, but that he knew nothing about the kidnaping.

It was reported early Saturday that ten other suspects are sought in the case.

"I want just nine more," the editor of the Wildwood Echo, C. L. Starnes told the AFRO. "I am interested in seeing them bring those hoodlums to justice."

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MR. STARNES has offered a $500 reward for the conviction of the responsible parties, and has received many threats because of the interstt in solving what he called a "dastardly crime."

The local Chamber of Commerce voted $1,000 reward for the capture and conviction of the guilty parties.

Asked what would happen to Mr. Woods after the guilty ones were captured and given their just punishment. Mr. Starnes replied: "They'll shoot him. Jesse won't live long, that's what."

A native of Georgia, Mr. Starnes was a California railroad worker but came to Wildwood on a track job, and stayed to found his eight-page paper.

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UNDER FLORIDA law, kidnaping for ransom carries the death penalty. Kidnaping in other instances provides a maximum sentence of 10 years.

Police were also probing a report that two automobiles were burned last Tuesday, one in nearby Alachua County and the other in Citrus County.

There was a growing belief that the cars may have figured in the kidnaping of Woods.

MOB VICTIM'S PARENTS — Mr. and Mrs. McArthur Woods, parents of 39-year-old Jesse Woods, who was kidnapped from the Wildwood jail last Saturday and brutally flogged.

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Police Say Negro Was Beaten, But His Whereabouts Is Mystery

News & Observer Thurs. 11-1-56 P. 1
Raleigh, N.C.

WILDWOOD, Fla., Oct. 31 (UP)—Police today took newsmen to a clearing in a densely wooded area where they said a 39-year-old Negro was beaten up after being snatched from his jail cell for allegedly insulting a white woman.

But officers said they still do not know the fate of Jesse Woods, possibly the victim of a lynch mob.

Capt. Olin Hill, district commander of the State Highway Patrol, said the lonely wooded area was where police have "definitely" established Woods was beaten.

"This is definitely official," Hill said.

He would not disclose how officers found out about the area or what evidence they had to prove Woods was beaten there. Earlier, however, police said they were told by local citizens who apparently knew something of the abduction of the Negro that Woods was beaten up in the spot.

The location was about three and one-half miles east of this tiny farming community, just off a little-used road to Leesburg. The clearing was about 150 feet from Lake Deaton, but police would not speculate on the possibility of the Negro being killed and his body tossed into the lake.

Sheriff M. H. Bowman still clung to a fading hope that Woods might still be alive and "hiding in fear."

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Last Seen Alive

Woods was last seen alive Saturday night when he was placed in the tiny lockup, out of sight of police headquarters two blocks away.

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The blood-spattered cell and a torn and bloodstained shirt and felt hat identified as Woods' heightened fears the Negro was dragged from his cell and killed. Wildwood is in the heart of what is regarded as Florida's staunchest segregation district.

The Negro farmhand was locked up on a drunk and disorderly conduct charge after witnesses said Woods called "hello, baby" to a pretty school teacher. He was let out on $50 bond, but returned to jail later Saturday night and asked for protective custody.

Bloody Hat, Shirt Found In Manhunt

Post & Times-Herald Wed. 10-31-56
Washington, D.C.

WILDWOOD, Fla., Oct. 30 (AP)—A bloody hat and shirt belonging to Jesse Woods, a Negro who vanished from jail after he allegedly called "Hello, baby" to a white woman, have been found on the outskirts here, it was announced today.

Sheriff M. H. Bowman said the Negro's family positively identified the clothing as Woods'.

It was the first clue to Woods' disappearance since his cell was found empty at the unguarded brick Wildwood jail last Saturday night. Bloodstains were found in the cell at that time.

Bowman said the clothing was found yesterday afternoon by a man who lives a half-mile from the jail. Shirt buttons were missing, and the sheriff said it apparently was ripped off the Negro.

Meanwhile, C. E. Weeks, SBI chief in Miami, said Federal investigators were in Wildwood to see if there had been any Federal law violations.

Woods was arrested late Saturday night after allegedly saying "Hello, baby" to a white teacher. He later was let out on bond posted by his father, but returned to the jail cell at his own request.

Woods' father said they noticed several cars containing white men following them. "I was afraid they would kill us all," the father said.

A city policeman making a routine check later found the padlock on the front door missing and one of three unlocked cells inside spattered with blood.

Negro Worker Vanishes From Jail in Florida

Star Mon. 10-29-56
Washington, D.C. P. 2-a

WILDWOOD, Fla., Oct. 29 (AP).—A 39-year-old Negro farm laborer, placed in jail for protective custody at his own request after he was accused of insulting a white woman, disappeared under strange circumstances early yesterday.

Jesse Woods was missing from his jail cell when Police Chief Ed Mullis returned from chasing two speeding cars. There were blood spots on the floor and a bunk was overturned. A day-long search failed to turn up any clues on the disappearance.

Gov. Leroy Collins asked the Florida sheriff's bureau and Sheriff M. H. Bowman of Sumter County for a full report and the FBI said it is looking into the case to determine if it has jurisdiction.

Adj. Gen. Mark Lance has been asked by Gov. Collins to offer National Guard assistance if needed. Florida highway patrolman and a few deputies remained on duty all day and night.

Town Is Quiet

Since daylight yesterday, however, all has been quiet in this little central Florida town, 75 miles north of Tampa, on the main line of the Seaboard Air Line railway.

William A. Fordham, president of the Florida conference of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, said at Tampa "From what I've heard it looks like a lynching. If it was, we definitely will make an investigation.

Woods was arrested Saturday afternoon at a grocery, charged with disorderly conduct and drunkenness. Police Chief Mullis said Woods "insulted a white woman."

David Hutto, a clerk at the store, quoted Woods as saying "Hello there, Baby" to Miss Mary Evelyn Hill, an attractive brown-eyed, brown-haired school teacher. She was not available for comment.

Woods was released on bond about midnight and left with his father, MacArthur Woods, and a brother. Soon they returned and Jesse Woods asked to be allowed to stay in the jail, saying some white men in cars had followed them and he was afraid.

About an hour later Patrolman

Star Mon. 10-29-56 P. 1-a

—Jesse Woods, sought as a kidnaping and flogging victim of angry white men remained unfound today by investigators still seeking clues to his fate.

Authorities questioned a man listed as a principal in the Sunday abduction of Woods from the city jail here. FBI agents scurried about Sumter County seeking out clues. Neither group had anything to say. The FBI said only that it is studying the case.

State men are quizzing George Altman, 25-year-old former meat salesman known as "Georgia Boy" and accused of beating a member of a group which took Woods from the crackerbox jail here early Sunday. Neither Altman nor his counsel have made any public statement.

Woods was beaten in a forest clearing off Lake Deacon, 5½ miles from here. General speculation among officials is that the Negro was not killed.

6 Seized In Negro Kidnap

Herald P. 1-a
Fri. 11-30-56
Miami, Fla.

Wildwood Man Now in Raiford

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OCALA —(AP)— Arrrest of six men in the Jesse Woods kidnaping and flogging case was disclosed Thursday by Director Don McLeod of the Florida Sheriffs Bureau.

The six were taken in custody on writs issued by the clerk of the Sumter County Circuit Court after direct informations charging them with false imprisonment and aggravated assault on the 39-year-old Wildwood Negro were filed by State Attorney A. P. Buie.

Woods was kidnaped early Oct. 28 from the unguarded Wildwood jail where he was being held on charges of being drunk and disorderly. Police said he "insulted a white woman" by saying "Hello there, baby," to her.

After the abduction, Woods was taken to a deserted lakeside spot near Wildwood, beaten and freed. He fled to Andalusia, Ala., where FBI agents located him.

Woods later was returned to the state prison at Raiford for safekeeping.

McLeod listed the six men arrested by Sumter County Sheriff M. H. Bowman, his deputies and agents of the sheriffs bureau as: Ezekial Aldeman and Max Stumborg of Wildwood, Keith Sands of Jacksonville, Leaman Lundy and Robert Nesmith, of Belle View, and Doyle Polk of Marion County.

McLeod said the defendants, arrested Wednesday, had been released on $500 bonds.

George Altman of Wildwood, previously arrested in the case, was also charged in an information with false imprisonment and aggravated assault in the case.

As a result of the investigation made by Sheriff Bowman and the sheriffs bureau, McLeod said "I think these seven men are the principals involved and we do not anticipate charging anyone else."

Two other men and Altman previously had been charged with kidnaping Woods in warrants issued by P. B. Towell Sr., Sumter county judge. These two, Jack I. Sands of Wildwood and Frank Collins of near Leesburg, also are free on bond.

No clues yet in abduction

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Fri. 11-2-56

WILDWOOD, Fla., Nov. 2—(AP)

Woods Feared Lynched

Grocer Arrested In Jail Snatch

Atlanta, Ga.
World P.1

WILDWOOD, Fla. — (INS) — George Altman, a 30-year-old grocer, has been arrested at Wildwood and formally charged with kidnaping in connection with the disappearance of a Negro farmhand from his Sumpter county jail cell.

Sumpter county Sheriff M. H. Bowman said an investigation led him to believe that Altman and at least seven other men had kidnaped Jesse Woods, 39-year-old farm hand, from his cell Sunday morning. Jour 11-2-56

Woods had been held in the jail for safekeeping after authorities feared he might be lynched. He had been arrested for allegedly yelling "Hi, Babe" at a young white woman school teacher in Wildwood.

The Sheriff said he was confident that Woods is still alive despite the discovery of a blood-stained black hat and a shirt found near the jail.

The kidnap warrant was asked by E. Burwin Williams, member of the Florida Sheriff Bureau and was issued by Sumpter County Judge R. B. Howell.

Altman was taken from the Sumpter County jail to the Pinellas county jail for safekeeping.

NEGRO BEATING TRIAL WILL START TODAY

Commercial Appeal

Seven White Men To Face Florida Charges

Mon 12-10-56

BUSHNELL, Fla., Dec. 9. — (AP)—Seven white men go on trial here Monday to answer charges they took a Negro farm laborer from an unguarded Wildwood City jail and whipped him.

The Negro, Jesse Woods, 39, was arrested by Wildwood police Oct. 27 on charges of drunkenness and disorderly conduct and officers said he uttered a "Hello there, baby," to a white schoolteacher.

Woods was released from jail on bond, but returned a few minutes later, reporting white men were following him. He sought refuge in the jail. Shortly after his return he was taken from the jail, whisked to a lake where he was beaten and released. He showed up a week later in Andalusia, Ala.

The seven defendants are charged with false imprisonment and aggravated assault. All pleaded innocent and are free on bond.

After Woods was taken from jail his cell was found spattered with blood. A few days later a a blood spotted shirt and hat were discovered four blocks from the jail.

He was in good condition when he turned up in the Alabama city. He bore small scars of what a doctor said apparently were from blows.

Woods has been held in the state prison at Railford as a material witness.

Witness Says Mob Abducted, Beat Negro

World-Telegram Sun P. 13
Wed. 10-31-56
New York

By CHARLES NOLAND,
United Press Staff Writer

WILDWOOD, Fla., Oct. 31.—Investigators checked a report today that a mob pulled a 39-year-old Negro out of a jail and beat him because he "talked fresh" to a white woman, but did not kill him.

Officers disclosed they have talked with an unidentified witness who gave him details of the incident. The witness told officers he did not see the Negro killed, it was learned.

The Wildwood City Council meanwhile posted $1000 reward for information leading to an arrest and conviction in the case.

The only visible evidence was the torn and blood-stained shirt and felt hat worn by Jesse Woods, 30, Saturday night before he disappeared. The clothes heightened fears the Negro was lynched by angry white men.

Capt. Olin Hill, district commander of the state highway patrol, said bloodstains on the back of the hat "indicate a heavy blow on the head."

Newsmen dug up reports from Negro residents about vandalism in their district during the past two weeks which may have heightened racial tension in this segregation-conscious area.

Negroes, who asked not to be identified, told the United Press that "night riders" in automobiles have plagued the Seaboard Park subdivision, one of three Negro districts in the town of some 2800 residents.

The Negroes believed the vandals were white high school students.

A rock was thrown through the window of one home and landed on a bed, just missing a baby's head, they said.

A Negro civic leader said an automobile drove slowly past the home of the Negro high school principal last Thursday night and occupants threw lighted fire crackers in the front yard during a Negro children's house party.

Another citizen said a Negro high school student was ambushed and shot in the leg with a 22 caliber rifle Saturday night.

Woods was spirited away from the little red brick jail after his arrest on a disorderly charge for allegedly calling "Hello baby" to an attractive white school teacher.

Woods Denies Making Pass At White Woman

Herald P.1
Daily World
Atlanta, Ga.
12-12-56

BUSHNELL, Fla., — Jesse Woods, who was taken from a cell in Wildwood, Fla., and reportedly beaten after being accused of drunkenly making remarks to a white woman, yesterday denied even "seeing" that lady the day of the alleged affair.

Woods told the court he was beaten, but was unable to identify his attackers. He said "a group of beaten, but was unable to identify young boys, white boys....hit me in the nose and head."

He continued he was taken from his cell several miles and released after the beating. He walked to a highway, he added, and hichhiked to the home of relatives in Northeast Florida. Then he went to Andalusia, Fla., where the FBI found him a week later.

Seven white men are on trial for attacking Woods, but all have adopted a don't remember" attitude to all questions by the prosecutor.

Swampland, hate surround Wildwood

Afro-American Sat. 11-10-56
Baltimore Md.

By ELIZABETH M. OLIVER
(See Map, Page 6) p. 1

WILDWOOD, Fla., — This town his never enjoyed such popularity. Now upon the streets in front of the Wildwood Echo, the town's weekly newspaper, you can see some very famous faces.

Noted newspaper reporters and ace photographers representing newspapers and news services from all over the country, FBI agents, special detectives sent by Gov. Leroy Collins, state and city investigators swarm around.

More are coming in from all parts of the nation each day.

Where is Wildwood? Population, 3,000.

FIRST OF ALL, it is in central Florida, 73 miles from Tampa, 60 miles from Orlando, 300 miles from Miami, 140 miles from Tallahassee.

Located in the swamp areas, it is deep in the forest of ancient cypress, oak and slash pine trees. Numerous lakes dot the countryside, some of them perfectly round like strings of pearls all in line.

Palmetto bushes, sandspur, brushes and reeds line the floor of the dense wooded area, clog the openings between the lakes, making passageway almost impossible in some areas.

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SPANISH MOSS hangs ghost-like and grey from every single tree. A parasitic plant, it has almost devoured some of them.

Northeast of Groveland County, Wildwood is a whistle stop, a junction for the Seaboard Airlines-Railroads.

Here passengers on the fast train Silver Meteor, who transfer to go in one direction for Florida's west coast, are separated from Miamj-bound passengers.

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It is just 26 miles from Ocola. Groveland forms the southern border and is the little town where in 1949, four youths, including Walter Lee Irvin, were found guilty of rape. p. 6

Irvin stayed in the death house seven years.

In 1955, Gov. Leroy Collins, granted a reprieve from the death sentence, changed it to life imprisonment.

Sheriff Willis McCall of Lake County, killed one of the men; a mob killed another; one of them is serving life along with Irvin.

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MARION COUNTY, on the north of Wildwood, is just about 100 miles from Mims, where Mr. and Mrs. Harry T. Moore in 1951, were assassinated by bombs placed in their home on Christmas Eve by persons who allegedly resented the NAACP activities in registration of voters.

Mr. Moore, the executive secretary for the state organization, was active in its affairs for equalization and civil rights. The murderers were never brought to trial.

Twelve miles from Wildwood is Withlacoochee River, whose water is like black glass, contains an abundance of catfish, perch, brim and bass. This river flows north and south. It heads up in the southeast, and runs northwest.

Because of the literally thousands of lakes and dense swampland, authorities found it impossible to drag the lakes for Woods' body.

Nearest lake of any size in Wildwood is Lake Deacon, where Woods is alleged to have tussled with his kidnappers.

THE AVERAGE temperature here during the winter months is 80 to 90 degrees in the daytime, dropping to around 60 at night.

It was 94 degrees here Thursday and very sticky.

A sandy loam affords the growth of orange groves and other citrus fruits.

Natives also sell cypress knees, the root upgrowth which is used as an ornament or decoration piece.

There are no colored citizens living in town. All of them, approximately 500 farmers and fruithands, live three to six miles from town, deep in the mud-swamp areas.

There are only three registered colored voters in the county.

Abducted Negro Found by FBI

Inquirer Sat. 11-4-56

ANDALUSIA, Ala., Nov. 3 (UP). —A negro spirited from a Florida jail after yelling "Hello, Baby" to a pretty white woman was found by FBI today hiding in the home of a friend pastor.

The Negro, Jesse Woods, 39, had been feared the victim of a lynch mob. But authorities said he had not been seriously injured.

The FBI traced Woods to this South Alabama town 350 miles from the Wildwood, Fla., jail from which he disappeared a week ago. He was traced through his correspondence with felatives who had helped spirit him out of Florida.

2 WHITE MEN HELD

Two white men were arrested at Wildwood in connection with the case. Police said one of them admitted taking part in flogging the Negro for his alleged insult to the white school teacher. The suspect said Woods was released alive.

The FBI found Woods at the home of E. J. Mashburn, 69, a blind Negro preacher who said he had taken Woods into his home as he would "anyone who needed help."

Mashburn lives in a four-room shack in this south Alabama town midway between Montgomery and Mobile. The elderly Negro said that Alta Lee Irving, a niece of Woods, and her husband, who live at Fort Walton, Fla., 80 miles south of here, also came to his home today. They apparently had led the FBI to Woods' place of seclusion.

HELPED BY RELATIVES

The preacher said the niece told him that she and her husband had helped other relatives of Woods to take him to Fort Walton on the northwest Florida Gulf Coast. From Fort Walton, Woods hitchhiked to Andalusia, Mashburn said, and took shelter with him.

Still to be told was the story of Woods' abduction from the Wildwood jail and the alleged flogging that followed. Police in Wildwood had shown reporters a cleared spot where they said the flogging had been carried out.

Spots of blood on jail house floor

Afro-American Sat. 11-1
Baltimore Md.

BY ELIZABETH M. OLIVER
(Staff Correspondent) p. 6

WILDWOOD, Fla. — "Sunday morning, I looked inside the jail where my nephew had been the night before, and I saw spots of blood on the floor. The cot had been upset."

The Rev. Mathew Beard, 84, a pastor of the Deepwater Missionary Baptist Church near here, and the owner of a 90-acre farm, was telling the AFRO Wednesday about the kidnaping of Jesse Woods from the Wildwood city jail.

"He was taken into the city jail Saturday night and we that that jail couldnt hold anyanyone who wanted to break out or anyone who wanted to get in."

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THE WILDWOOD jail is a small, outhouse-like building, located on Barwick St., next to the Ford dealers, near the Seaboard Airlines Railroad tracks.

It is approximately one-half block from the A and P store where Woods is alleged to have created a disturbance by saying "Hello, baby" to a young white school teacher Saturday night.

The "prison," the only one in Wildwood, is about 35' feet long, 15 feet wide and is built of brick. It is about one-half story high.

It is in delapidated condition, the bricks falling from the sides and foundation.

The door is made of criss-cross iron bars, which are about five inches wide. The lattice work of the door is framed with wood.

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FLORIDA WEATHER has caused the wood to rot, the victim of rain and dampness. Pieces of the wooden frame are falling away from the structure.

Tuesday, police reported that Woods' clothing had been found. They appeared to have been ripped off his body. The tattered, blood-smeared shirt and hat worn by the 39-year-old man were found about five blocks from the jail.

Authorities believe this an indictation that Woods may be dead. The green, white and purple printed shirt was covered with bloodstains on the sleeves and front. Buttons were missing.

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THE HAT, a black felt, also showing bloodstains, was covered with sand and dirt from the road. The clothing was found by Leonard Smith in the weeds.

They were identified by Woods' mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. McArthur Woods, elderly farm couple who live about six miles from the center of the small, central Florida community.

Woods was jailed Saturday night by police following the "disturbing-the-peace incident."

Shortly afterwards, his sisters, Mrs. Ella Jones and Mrs. Willie Mae Neal, two brothers, McArthur Jr. and Willie, and the father went to the jail to post $50 bond and to take Jesse home in the family car.

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"WE DROVE away with Jesse in the car and then we looked back and noticed some cars with some white men following us," a sister said, adding: "My father said it looked like we were in for some trouble, so 'let's take Jesse back to the jail for safekeeping.'

"We drove around the block in the downtown section. I saw the men but I did not recognize them," Mrs. Jones said. "They were real young," added Mrs. Neal.

"We took Jesse back to the jail and asked sheriff M. H. Bowman to lock him up again."

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"CAN'T I put this boy back for safekeeping?" Jesse's father asked Police Chief Ed Mullis. "I also asked him if my boy couldn't be taken to the county seat for safekeeping' the father said.

Mr. Woods indicated that the police authorities did not seem to be worried and indicated that Jesse would be "all right."

They said: "this is a city case" and he would have to stay there, although the jail "isn't much."

"I don't know how many cars there were in the bunch," said Mrs. Jones, "but it looked like a lot."

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AUTHORITIES REPORT that it was about midnight when Woods was returned to the jail, left unguarded for less than one hour. When the sheriff returned, he found the padlock had been broken from the latticed door and Woods was gone.

The city jail is about one block from the police headquarters on the same street.

"When we went into the jail," a sister said, "we saw white men in some cars parked there. We felt like they were going to do something and we got scared.

"When we drove off, they followed our car."

"I'm afraid he has been killed," the father told the AFRO Wednesday.

"If you see or hear tell of him anywhere around, and if he is alive, I hope I can see him once more before something else happens, if he ain't dead."

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WOODS WAS a World War II veteran, served in the South Pacific Theater and the Korean conflict. He had been working for two months doing farm work in Kent, N.Y., and had returned to his home two weeks ago.

His parents stated that he had planned to work on farms in Florida this winter.

His mother, Mrs. Delia Wood, 68, stated that Jesse had always been a good son, was kind to his parents and sisters and brothers. "Jesse ain't never been no trouble to me," she told the AFRO. "I was worried about him like a mother does when he was in New York.

"He wrote to me often and then I didn't worry so much. He's the best boy I've got. He didn't drink. He never drank nothin'. Jesse never touched nothin' to drink.

"None of my boys do that. Their father taught them not to drink. They were brought up like that. Now I'm so worried I don't know what to do."

MR. AND MRS. Woods had 13 children, nine of whom are living, and 49 grandchildren.

The father was asked early

Sunday, after the town became disturbed by the blood on the jail floor and no trace of Jesse, if he wanted to be taken to the jail in Ocala to be sure that he would be safe.

Consenting, he remained there until Monday. He was returned to his home by authorities early Tuesday.

AFRO on trail of Woods 3 days

By ELIZABETH M. OLIVER

WILDWOOD, Fla. — Three days before the FBI located Jesse Woods in Alabama, the AFRO knew he was alive, that he had left the Wildwood area, and was on his trail.

Following a vague clue and a hunch, the AFRO reporter and a Tampa NAACP special investigator (assigned by the legal department); Robert Saunders, followed Jesse's journey to his short-lived freedom Thursday.

We never actually saw Woods, but we knew he was alive.

We got our first idea that he was alive when we heard on the sandy road about six miles from town that "somebody" had whisked him out of the Wildwood area Sunday morning about dawn.

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ACTING UPON secret information, the AFRO began what turned out to be a journey of over 1,000 miles in 24 hours.

The first trip was up the Lacoochee River in a rowboat. The Rev. Matthew Beard and Mr. Saunders sped the boat two miles against the current of its black waters, pursuing a party of ladies who had gone from Wildwood early that morning to catfish. That was Wednesday noon.

Our mission was to find "Pokie's" mother who would tell us "Pokie's" home address "somewhere in West Florida."

We passed long - necked cranes, limpkin, water turkeys, and blue peet: as they flew in and out the reeds on the shore of the river.

I reached out and gathered arms loads of pale violet water hyacinths as the boat softly pushed through them acre after acre.

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THE RIVER was a sheet of black grass, the sun about 100 degrees. This picturesque journey was reminescent of Pogo and Albert and their lazy days fishing in the swamplands.

We rounded an island, yelled to others fishing along the shores or in patches of water hyacinths, searching for "Pokie's mother. Her name w a Mrs. Rich Lee Irvin.

The Rev. Mr. Beard, 84, a Baptist minister, stood up, called through his hands for "Rich." I thought of Chloe and how someone wandered through the swamps calling for her.

WE FOUND Mrs. Irvin fishing delightfully, calmly, with her friends, but she did not known her son "Pokie's" address.

We left the river after we rowed back, this time with the current, and returned into the depths of mud swamp to find someone else who might know "Pokie's" address.

We got it this time, sped out on highway 301, leaving Wildwood behind. On Thursday we took a plane for Panama City.

There the Avis Auto Rental Company, through a Mr. James, refused to rent us a car at the airport. He did not like the idea that Mr. Saunders was connected with the NAACP.

I explained that I was on newspaper business, an assignment from the home office, but we did not get the car.

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WE HAD come over 574 miles so far, though being delayed. In our rush, we lost my baggage, were informed by airline authorities that it was on the way to New Orleans.

We took a cab into the city, were befriended by a friendly undertaker whose son drove us from Panama City to Ft. Walton Beach.

On this route we crossed three bridges which spanned inlets of the Gulf of Mexico, ran along its windswept shores.

It was almost sundown. The Gulf was cold, green and stretched to the horizon.

We got to "Pokie's" house about 6 p.m. Thursday.

"He's gone to Tallahassee to take a homeboy to the bus station," his friends told us.

THIS "HOMEBODY," they claimed, had been brought in from somewhere in central Florida because he had been "in a fight," and gotten hurt.

Could that have been Jesse Woods? Well, we really never will know, but we thought so.

At any rate, fate had caused us to miss him by several hours. But we did not give up.

We asked our friendly undertaker to drive us to Tallahassee to the bus station.

We arrived there after midnight Thursday. Our total miles traveled was 800 at this point.

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DR. M. C. WILLIAMS, dentist there, aided us in checking the bus station. Ticket agents stated that they had sold no tickets "going North," had sold none to New York.

For the first time in our journey we felt we were following "a will o' the wisp." or was it "a Woods 0' the wisp?"

The daily press had announced frequently that the NAACP had "sensational" information, however, due to the vagueness of its quality, and until investigators had actual information, Francisco A. Rodriguez, NAACP attorney refused to announce.

He made the statement Friday that he had every reason to believe that Jesse Woods was alive, that he was not free to divulge his actual whereabouts.

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WHEN INFORMED that Woods had been found alive, Mr. Rodriguez declined to comment as to whether or not the discovery came as the result of a direct tip from his office.

It was reported that FBI agents may have received their first real clue which led to the location of Woods from a telephone call placed from Tallahassee.

On Saturday, FBI agents at the home of Woods' parents asked this reporter, who had never seen them before, if she was from the AFRO. If her name was Oliver. They smiled knowingly, asked if she had withheld information from them.

"Reporters are always looking for a story," was the reply.

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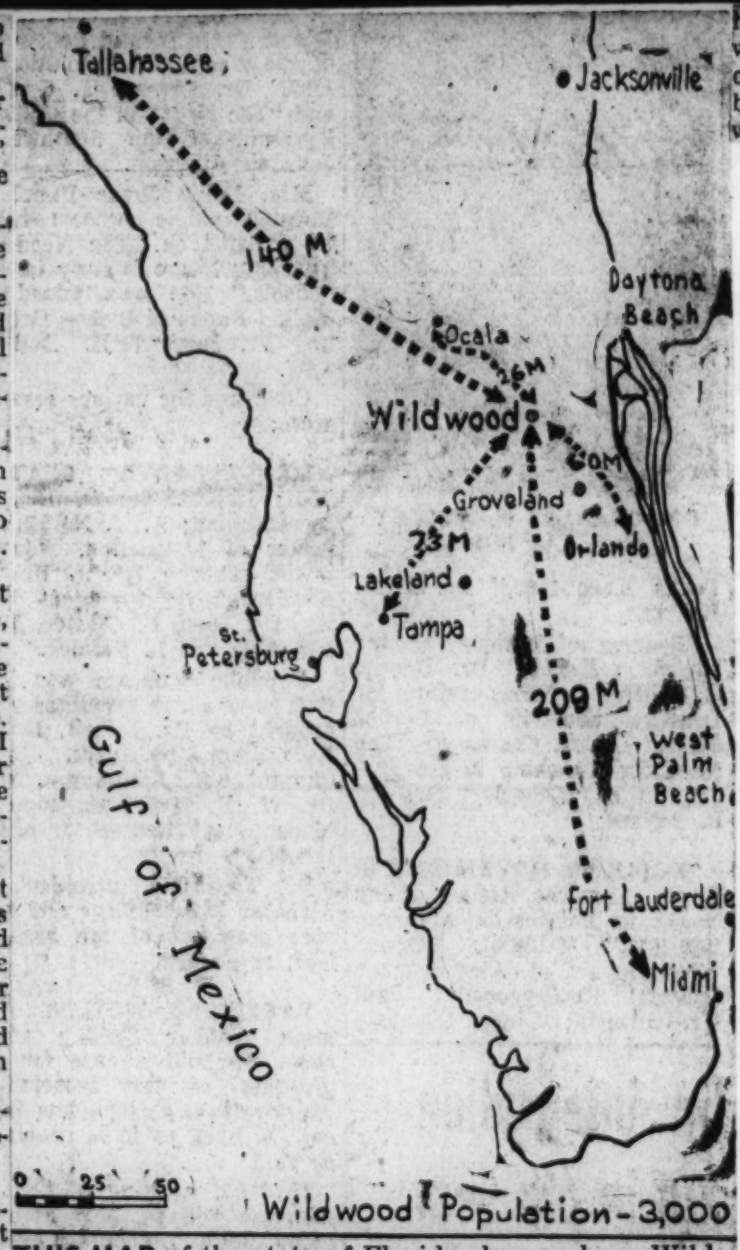
"WOODS' FEAR of local reprisal is not unreasonable, yet I have enough faith in the Governor's investigators as well as the local police to believe that Jesse Woods will be given a chance to face his persecutors without being subjected to additional violence.

"If we fail in this duty, we shall never be able to eradicate the shame which will befall this commonwealth," Mr. Rodriguez said upon hearing Woods had been found.



THIS MAP of the state of Florida shows where Wildwood, the little town of 3,000 is located, and the town's proximity to larger cities in Florida. This is where Jesse Woods, 39-year-old World War II veteran was kidnapped and beaten, for saying "Hello there, baby" to a white teacher.

3RD KIDNAPING WARRANT GIVEN

Trial Soon for 3 Woods Abduction Suspects

WILDWOOD, Fla., Nov. 6 (AP)—Judge P. B. Howell Sr. has issued a kidnaping warrant for a third white man in the seizure and flogging of Jesse Woods, a Negro.

Howell and Sheriff M. H. Bowman, who requested the warrant, refused to identify the man because he is not yet in custody. Bowman added he did not know just when officers would be able to put their hands on this man.

Howell said he plans to hold a preliminary hearing "sometime next week" for the two white men already in custody. They are George Altman, 25, a meat salesman, and Jack L. Sands, a farmer. Both are charged with kidnaping.

Woods, 39, a Negro farm laborer, disappeared from the unguarded Wildwood city jail Oct. 28. He had been charged with drunkenness and disorderly conduct and accused of saying, "Hello there, baby" to a young white woman.

Located by the FBI in Andalusia, Ala., Saturday, Woods said he had been taken from the jail by two or three white men, beaten, and released.

Woods was brought to the state prison at Raiford for safekeeping Sunday. Monday circuit Judge T. G. Futch issued an order at the request of state attorney A. P. Buie directing that Woods be held in the state prison as a material witness.

Warden DeWitt Sinclair reported Woods "looked in good shape" and added, "There's not a scratch on him."

A physician who examined him at Andalusia said Woods had several superficial wounds which appeared to be the result of a beating with a leather strap but that his physical condition was good.

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Monroe Massacre . . . 10 Years Ago This Week

Courier p. 2

Lest We Forget . . . While Politics Delays Civil Rights

Pittsburgh, Pa. Sat. 7-28-56

This photo was made in a Monroe (Ga.) funeral home following quadruple lynchings in 1946.

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Ten years ago this week two men and their wives were massacred near Monroe, Ga. The mob went unpunished. Last week William C. Randolph, 3148 19th Ave., South, St. Petersburg 7, Fla., sat down and penned the following reminder to The Courier:

IN MEMORIAM

July 25, 1956, marks the passage of the tenth year since the occurrence of the horrible, historical fact described here. Both before and since this act of unrestrained (and unpunished!) force and violence against Negro fellow Americans, fanatical adherents of the "white superiority" fraud have with sickening regularity and nauseating frequency perpetrated deeds so heinous as to throw the lie direct into the teeth of U. S. statesmen, and others trying desperately to sell U. S. democracy to the non-white world. But let us look closer at this crime.

1946

The time: late afternoon July 25, 1946.

The place: a rural road near Monroe, Ga.

The victims: two young Negro men and their wives.

The crime: quadruple murder by a white lynch mob.

The criminals: every member of a society that tolerates racial prejudice, segregation and other more brutal aspects of jim crow, to exist as component parts of its way of life.

Briefly: "Mr. and Mrs. Roger Malcolm and Mr. and Mrs. George Dorsey were lynched near Monroe, Ga., this afternoon (July 25, 1946). Dorsey was a World War II veteran. A group of 20 to 30 white men beat the two women, then lined the four against trees and shot them dead with a 60-shot broadside from rifles, pistols and shotguns. Roger Malcolm, a sharecropper, had quarreled with his landlord about the disposition of the crop. Malcolm had also objected to advances made to his wife by a member of the landlord's family. After the quarrel, a lynch mob gathered on July 14. It dispersed, but gathered again on July 25." It was revealed later, Aug. 6, 1946, by Walter White, secretary of the NAACP, that Attorney General Tom Clark had the names of six men charged with the lynching in his possession. On Oct. 28, 1946, Clark told the New York Herald Tribune forum in regard to the Monroe lynchings that "the jurisdiction of the Federal Government depends upon a thin thread of law. The Federal statutes give me the power to prosecute only when a person has been deprived of a federally secured right. The right of life, liberty and property, the Supreme Court has repeatedly held, is not a federally secured right." The Federal Government investigated, but took no action against anyone. And in December, 1946, the Federal jury reported that it was unable to find anyone "guilty of violating the civil rights statue."

Shocked and horrified by reading newspaper accounts of this crime against human decency and humanity itself, I could find no peace of mind on the morning of July 26, 1946, until I had composed the following sonnet—as a kind of Mark Twain "penance" for my own guilt and responsibility, involuntary though they were—for this injustice to my fellowman. I called the poem:

Murder at Monroe

The volley rang out, four black bodies fell;
Bright red blood gushed to stain the mountainside.
Nay, more: This crime defiled a nation, wide,
And great, and proud, whose many millions dwell
In fatuous ignorance. It tolled the knell
Of hope to all who would in peace abide,
And blazed the way to racial suicide,
For here was Hatred bared, foul as Hell.
In governors' mansions, Congress' gilded halls,
The Bilbos, Talmadges and Rankins spew
In vicious rage and mouth their devilish brew
Of racial hate. And while we shift the blame—
Afraid to face our ghastly guilt and shame—
Another black and riddled body falls.

—WILLIAM C. RANDOLPH

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Tale Of Emmett Till Is Written, Put On Records

LOS ANGELES — "The Death of Emmett Till" a folk song by Mrs. A. C. Bilbrew and recorded by Dootone recording company is being readied for nationwide release. The narration and the music is The Ramparts. In two parts, the record covers the life of Till and subsequent events leading up to the 14 year old youth's brutal murder in Mississippi.

Mrs. Bilbrew is widely known as a choral director, pageant producer and song writer. She is a civic leader and an ardent worker in NAACP circles.

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DOOTSIE WILLIAMS who heads Dootone Records, the nation's largest Negro owned and operated recording firm, has offered to donate a percentage of the record's royalties to the NAACP.

He and Mrs. Bilbrew are friends of many years standing. She said her first thought after writing the saga was to obtain Williams' cooperation in recording and distributing it. "I feel strongly that this American folk song will live on and on and serve a purpose", Mrs. Bilbrew declared.

Ask New Till Probe

NEW YORK — Increasing demands were being made for Mississippi to convene a grand jury for a new presentment of kidnap charges in the Emmett Till case.

The growing pressure was the aftermath of publication of an article in the current Look Magazine in which one of two men acquitted of Till's murder last summer, in substance confesses taking the Chicago youth's life.

The first demand came from NAACP Executive Secretary Roy Wilkins, who wired Mississippi Governor-Elect J. P. Coleman demanding immediate action.

FORMER U.S. JUDGE J. Waties Waring pointed out to the AFRO that while Roy Bryant and J. W. Milam cannot be tried for murder, there's nothing in the law that prevents them from being indicted, tried and convicted on kidnap charges.

A grand jury refused to indict them for the kidnaping they have freely admitted last September.

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JUDGE ARTHUR JORDAN of Greenwood, Miss., who called the first grand jury, told the AFRO that Milam and Bryant could still be indicted for the LeFlore county kidnaping.

He refused to say whether or not he planned to reconvene another grand jury to hear the case in light of Look's article.

He expressed belief that no grand jury would indict the men on the basis of a magazine piece, but admitted "it might carry some weight" if William Bradford Huie, the author of the article, came to Mississippi to testify.

AT THE SAME time he demanded a new grand jury hear the kidnap charges, NAACP Secretary Roy Wilkins addressed a letter to protest to Look Magazine.

Taking issue with remarks the magazine article attributes to young Till, Mr. Wilkins raises the question who stands behind what Mr. Huie has "labelled the facts in the case."

"Mr. Huie tells the woman's uncorroborated story, the same story she told Judge Curtis M. Swango in the courtroom in Sumner, Miss., last September which Judge Swango decided should not be presented to the jury.

"Mr. Huie does not say this is the story of the events as related by the woman, nor does he say or imply in any way that another person who gave him the story of the actual crime told him this story was one which induced the kidnapping and killing."

"Who stands behind these 'facts,' Mr. Huie?"

ANOTHER SURPRISING result of the Look article was the admission by Mississippi's Gov. Elect J. P. Coleman that J. W. Milam and Roy Bryant "should have been convicted and electrocuted" for the Till murder.

Coleman's statement was made in a recorded interview broadcast by Dick Smith over radio station KXOL in Fort Worth, Texas.

The new Mississippi executive also claimed that had the NAACP and Rep. Diggs "stayed out of our stand and left us alone, we would have got the job done."

Coleman, formerly a circuit judge, disclosed that he had sentenced three white men to life imprisonment "for killing a whole bunch of colored people."

"Two of them came within two votes of the jury of suffering the death penalty," he said.

"Fortunately at that time the NAACP and those other rabble rousers didn't try to make themselves 13th members of the jury and we were able to get a job done."

CONGRESSMAN DIGGS, the target of Coleman's censure, meanwhile was busy having the Look article inserted into the Congressional Record.

He called for Federal action in Mississippi, which, he said, has "made America the shame of the world."

The Michigan congressman in remarks published in the Record said that the information on which the article is based "came directly from the killers themselves."

Since they cannot be tried a second time for Till's murder, Diggs said, "these men apparently grasped at the opportunity of selling their exclusive story for an undoubtedly handsome financial reward."

The Look article Diggs asserted, "graphically illustrates the immediate need for corrective legislation by the Congress of the United States."

He urged Federal guaranty of the right to vote "without interference intimidation, or unwarranted restrictions so that they (colored people) may qualify to serve on juries and exercise influence in the election of fair minded public officials.

"ARMED WITH this weapon, considering their numerical strength in Mississippi, the problems which confront them could probably be resolved on a local level, which is not inconsistent with the position of those who support the theory of states' rights."

Mr. Diggs also urged that the Attorney General be given authority to intervene in cases where a state refuses to afford equal protection of the law to all citizens."

IN CHICAGO, Mrs. Mamie Bradley, mother of the murdered Chicago youngster, said Look magazine, "lied about my boy."

Mrs. Bradley, who says she read the article carefully, declared:

"They lied about my child. 'Bo' would never brag about women he had. How could he? He was only 14. He didn't know enough about that kind of thing to be bragging about such relationships."

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THE LOOK article said Milam and Bryant originally intended to "just whip Till and scare some sense into him," but decided to kill him after the Chicago boy kept insisting, "I'm not afraid of you. I'm as good as you are. I've 'had' white women. My grandmother was a white woman."

The article gave the following account of the murder:

First, the two men beat the boy, smashing him across the head with two .45 Colt pistols in Milam's tool house behind his home.

Then, they drove Emmett to the Tallahatchie River. At the river's edge, Milam asked Till, "You still as good as I am?"

Till replied "Yeah."

Milam asked, "You still 'had' white women." Till replied, "Yeah."

Milam raised his .45 and shot the boy through his right ear.

He and his half-brother Roy then barb-wired a 74-pound gin fan, which Till had carried to the river's shore at their order, to the boy's neck and rolled him into 20 feet of water.

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MUCH SURPRISE was expressed over the daring of Look in printing what is supposed to be the confessions of the men, who have been cleared of murder charges.

One source said that the publishers of the magazine declared "flatly that they are prepared to document the story in the event of legal challenge."

Bryant and Milam gave no indication of what they plan to do about the article. Both denied rumors they had been paid $10,000 to give the story to the magazine, and both denied they had confessed killing Till.

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BUT HUIE, at his home in Alabama, said that every "sentence of the article is a fact" and that he stands "behind every word of it."

He was backed up by William B. Arthur, managing editor of Look, who said:

"Look has published the Till article only after being completely satisfied as to its accuracy. Its publishers are prepared to prove the facts in the unlikely event the magazine is sued."

In its preface to the article, Look in an editor's note says:

"In the long history of man's inhumanity to man, racial conflict has produced some of the most horrible examples of brutality.

"The recent slaying of Emmett Till in Mississippi is a case in point. The editors of Look are convinced that they are presenting here, for the first time, the real story of that killing— the story no jury heard and no newspaper reader saw."

THE ARTICLE is entitled, "The shocking story of approved killing in Mississippi."

In Sumner, Miss., scene of the trial where Milam and Bryant were acquitted of Till's murder, Milam told a newsman:

"He (Huie) surely can't quote me as saying all that because I didn't make any such statement. There is nothing I can do about somebody's imagination, but I didn't have anything to do with killing anyone."

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Till case judge denies bond to accused slayer

Afro-American P. 2
Baltimore, Md.

SUMNER, Miss (ANF) — The judge who presided during the famous Emmett Louis Till trial has denied bond to a Mississippi white man accused of murdering a colored service attendant last month.

Circuit Judge Curtis Swango denied Elmer Kimbell's request on a writ of habeas corpus which would have freed the accused man pending grand jury action on his case.

Kimbell is charged with murdering Clinton Melton Dec. 3 in nearby Glendora. Kimbell claims he shot in self defense after Melton tried to ambush him at the service station where the latter worked.

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BUT LEE McCARTH, white service station owner, testified at the hearing that Kimbell shot without provocation.

Judge Swango presided last September when J. W. Milam and Roy Bryan were tried in the "wolf-whistle" slaying of 14-year-old Emmett Louis Till. A jury found the men innocent.

Wolf-Whistle Figure Threatens Libel Suit

World-Telegram & Sun Sat. 3-31-56
By the United Press. P. 2

SUMNER, Miss., March 31.—J. W. Milam, one of two half brothers acquitted in the Emmett Till murder trial here last fall, said today he had employed a lawyer to look into the possibility of suing Look magazine.

Milam, who, along with his half brother Roy Bryant was acquitted of charges that they killed the 15-year-old Chicago Negro, charged that the magazine published an article which bluntly accused him of committing the alleged murder.

Look's article, written by William Bradford Huie, described the alleged facts surrounding the death of the Negro teen-ager. The boy was killed after supposedly wolf-whistling at Roy Bryant's wife at the Bryant store in Money, Miss. Mr. Huie's article alleged that the two defendants in the trial had pistol-whipped and shot the youth.

Milam denied that he accepted a $10,000 settlement

Figure in Till Slaying Denies Magazine Story

Herald P. 24-A
Sat. 2-14-56

JACKSON, Miss. —(UP)— J. W. Milam, one of two men acquitted of the Emmett Till slaying, has denied allegations in a Look magazine article saying that he killed the Negro youth.

The day the magazine article appeared, Milam told reporters he had never talked to any representative of Look. He said he plans to "talk to my lawyer" about filing a libel suit against the magazine.

Milam said he knows of no possible source of the information used in the article which quoted him directly throughout.

Judge Arthur Jordan of Greenwood, Miss., said it still would be possible for Milam and J. W. Bryant, the other man accused, to be indicted for kidnaping in Leflore County at Greenwood.

"But no grand jury is going to indict on the basis of a magazine article," Jordan said.

The judge added, however, that it "might carry some weight" if William Bradford Huie, author of the article giving purported details of the Till killing, would come to Mississippi voluntarily and tell what evidence he has, if any, from Look for permission to print the article.

The shocking story of approved killing in Mississippi

Miami Herald
Mon. 1-23-56

A 14-year-old Negro, Emmett Till, was routed from his bed by two white men and shot—yet the jury found his abductors *not guilty*.

April Reader's Digest brings you facts in the notorious "Wolf-Whistle Murder" . . . facts the jury never heard, no newspaper ever printed.

Get April Reader's Digest at your newsstand. 40 articles of lasting interest, including the best from leading magazines and current books, condensed to save your time.

Afro-American
Baltimore Md.
Sat. 1-21-56

TRAGEDY DISC—Dootsie Williams, Dootone Recording Co. president (right) autographs first copy of "The Death of Emmett Till," folk song recording, to Dr. T. R. M. Howard, founder-president of the Regional Council of Negro Leadership in Mississippi. The presentation was made at Hotel Statler during Dr. Howard's recent stay in Los Angeles. Song was written by Mrs. A. C. Bilbrew.

Till Case Again In The News

Jackson, Miss.

Circuit Judge Reports Getting Threatening Letter Recently

Afro 6-9-56

GREENVILLE, Miss., June 4—(Special) — Circuit Judge Arthur Jordan, of Greenwood, said here Monday he recently received an anonymous letter threatening to kill him and his family and burn his home if he did not indict J. W. Milam and Roy Bryant on a charge they kidnapped Emmett Till.

The threat was revealed by the veteran jurist as he instructed the Washington county grand jury on the opening day of Circuit Court.

"Perhaps I should explain the duties of this court after an incident that happened some weeks ago," Judge Jordan told the grand jury. "I received a printed letter saying: 'If you don't get those murdereds your home will be burned down and you and your family will be killed.' This brings up a point that many people don't seem to understand. A judge can't indict the men he's talking about or anybody else."

Afro 6-9-56

The judge said the letter did not mention Milam and Bryant by name, but said he assumes it refers to them. He said the letter was postmarked from near Greenwood.

Judge Jordan added he was not inclined to take the letter seriously, believing it to be the work of a crank. He hasnot turned it over to authorities.

Milam and Bryant were acquited by a Tallahatchie jury last September on a charge they murdered Till, a 14-year-old Chicago negro. This winter a Leflore county jury failed to indict the two men on a charge they kidnapped Till.

The alleged kidnapping took place in Judge Jordan's district although the murder trial was held in another district because a body identified by relatives as Till's was discovered in the Tallahatchie River in Ju[illegible]rtis Swango's district.

Judge Jordan said no one has followed up the letter with any attempt to carry out the threat.

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Till Record Sells Tops in Chicago

Courier Sat. 1-28-56 P. 26
Pittsburgh, Pa.

By "CHES" WASHINGTON

LOS ANGELES—Sparked by the recent blasting of the story in "Look" magazine, Dootone Records' "Death of Emmett Till" has zoomed to another high in sales here. According to Dootsie Williams, however, Chicago has led the "order parade" with a request for 10,000 platters. Dootsie said two pressing plants are rushing records to complete orders and that Mrs. Mamie Bradley, mother of the murdered lad, is sharing in all royalties.

Sammy Davis Jr. made his best public relations gesture here last week when he accepted the honorary chairmanship of the Los Angeles NAACP's membership drive . . . The Ambassadors' Coconut Grove will be graced again by ultralovely Lena Horne and the opening night party will be out of this hemisphere . . . A Washington salute to the Friars Club for the $2,000 gift from the party at the Beverly Hilton honoring Sammy Davis Jr., which we ranked as one of the greatest, having been an eye-witness.

Hollywood's Zardi's is happy over the daily receipts since the First Lady of Song, Ella Fitzgerald took over the microphone and started flattering it.

Here's hoping that Hollywood will come up with some "meatier" roles for a crop of capable Negro performers who are now sprouting wings.

HOLLYWOOD Ha-Ha: Someone said the difference between a poor man and a millionaire is that one worries over his next meal and the other over his last.

—BIGGEST AND BEST—

Huie's Till Story To Be In Book Form

P. 1

NEW YORK — William Bradford Huie's expose' of the Till case will be lengthened and published in paperbound edition.

Originally published in Look magazine, the article charged that J. W. Milam and Roy Bryant slew Emmett L. Till after he and his half brother Roy Bryant kidnapped Till from his uncle's home

No New Trial For Milam, Bryant

Defender Sat. 1-28-56 P. 1
Chicago Ed.

GREENVILLE, Miss.—Judge Arthur Jordon announced from Greenville last week that he was too busy to impanel a special grand jury to reopen kidnap charges against J. W. Milam and Roy Bryant, halfbrothers who were acquitted in the infamous Emmett Till murder case.

Judge Jordon was queried after an article appeared in Look magazine, under the byline of William Bradford Huie, charging that Milam and Bryant kidnapped and killed young Till last August.

Jordon said he had read the copyrighted article by Huie but declared he had no authority to order even the Leflore County May grand jury to reopen the kidnap investigation which was dropped in the same county last November.

Both Milam and Bryant reportedly denied the charges made by Huie in the magazine article.

Meanwhile in New York, Ted Poston, correspondent for the New York Post, reported that Milam and Bryant are negotiating for the use of their names and characters in a movie of the Till case.

According to Poston, A. Lloyd Royal, president of Panorama Pictures in Meridian, Miss., said an agreement is near between the firm and the two men.

Royal said he also had a signed release from Mrs. Mamie Bradley, mother of young Till. In Chicago, Mrs. Bradley was quoted as saying:

"I signed the contract around the first of the year and I have engaged a lawyer to advise me on all phases of the venture. My contract gives me the right to pass on the script and I will exercise that right . . ."

Milam Hasn't Sued Look Yet

Courier 1-28-56
Pittsburgh, Pa.

MERIDIAN, Miss. — Roy Bryant and J. W. Milam, key figures in the Emmett Till murder case, have made no further move to sue Look magazine over the article concerning the crime. The Look article, authored by William B. Huie, had pointed out Milam as the assassin of the Till boy.

JUDGE REVEALS THREAT RECEIVED LAST FALL

GREENVILLE, Miss. (ANP) —Circuit Judge Arthur Jordan, last Monday said he received an anonymous letter last fall threatening him and declaring if he "refused to indict" J.W. Milam and Roy Bryant for the murder of Emmett Till. He explained: "A judge cannot indict anyone."

Electrocution Just Penalty For Emmitt Till Murderers

Informer Cleveland, Ohio
Sat. 1-28-56

GREENVILLE, Miss. — James P. Coleman, the newly elected governor of Mississippi, has said that J. W. Milam and his half brother, Roy Bryant, should have been convicted and electrocuted for the murder of Emmett Louis Till.

The Mississippi leader made this declaration during a radio interview in Fort Worth recently.

"Now that's the cold, brutal facts about it, and it's just one of those things," the governor said.

This was the latest development in the explosive controverst created by the Look Magazine article, "Aproved Killing in Mi$sissippi," by William Bradford Huie, released last week.

The sensational Look story quoted Milam and his brother as saying they actually killed Till, 14, after the latter allegedly "wolf whistled" at Bryant's pretty wife.

Milam and Bryant were acquitted after a prolonged murder trial, and recently were no-billed of kidnapping charges in connection with the case.

Under the law, the brothers cannot be tried again for the killing, but they can be tried again on the kidnapping charge.

Scores Look Mag Story

Meanwhile Mrs Mamie Bradley, mother of Till, said the Look story was untruthful about her son."

"They lied about my child. 'Bo' would never brag about women he had. How could he? He was only 14. He didn't know enough about that kind of thing to be bragging about the relationship."

Milam and Bryant deny they related to Huie how they killed young Till. But Look Magazine says the article is authentic, "every sentence of the article is a fact."

William B. Arthur, managing editor of Look, said: "Look has published the Till article only after being completely satisfied as to its accuracy. Its publishers are prepared to prove the facts in the unlikely event the magazine is sued."

During his radio speech in Fort Worth, Coleman declared:

"So far as I am personally concerned, they both should have been convicted and electrocuted. And if the NAACP and Rep Diggs, of Detroit, would stay out of the state and let us alone we would have got the job done."

The NAACP sent a wire to Coleman commenting on the article:

"In view of the admisstion ... the NAACP calls upon you to convene the grand jury of Le Flore County for the purpose of a new presentation of the kidnap charges against these self confessed criminals. ...."The whole nation is horrified and stands humiliated in the eyes of the civilized world that these vicious men should walk free and unashamed while boasting of their depravity...."

The New York Post said:

"It isn't every day in the week that a responsible national publication quotes a freed defendant as confessing - even boasting about - killing and freely invites a legal test of the validity of its story.

"It is hard to believe that either the defendants or the State of Misissipi can let the record stand uncontested unless the defendants are guilty as quoted and the state is officially prepared to condone the crime."

Sees No Basis For US Action On Till Case

Daily Worker
Atlanta Ga.
Fri. 2-10-56

WASHINGTON, D. C.— (SNS)— The Justice Department Thursday repeated its finding that "no basis for federal intervention" exists in the Emmett Till lynch-murder case in Mississippi.

Warren Olney III, assistant attorney general and head of the criminal division, informed former Rep. Sam Yorty (D-Calif) that the department shares "your humane feelings of shock and revulsions at this brutal taking of a human life."

In his polite but firm statement, Olney said "all available information" shows the killing and kidnaping took place "entirely within the state of Mississippi." Therefore, "no federal jurisdiction was found to exist," he said.

Full Story Of 'Wolf Whistle' Killing To Be Published In Book

New York (ANP).—The sensational article by William Bradford Huie on the Emmett Till story in a recent issue of "Look" will be expanded into a book and published very soon, New American Library announced.

The book, dealing with the slaying of a Negro youth from Chicago in Mississippi will be the result of the extensive research by the author.

"We regard the Emmett Till story as the characteristic battle in the world-wide racial struggle," the publishers declared. Their paper-bound Signer edition will achieve instant circulation at more than 100,000 newsstands at a price of 25c and will accomplish the author's desire that the full story to be known to the maximum number of Americans.

New American Library is the publisher of Mr. Huie's previous books, "Mud on the States," "The Execution of Private Slovik" and "The Revolt of Mavie Stover," the latter now being filmed by Twentieth Century-Fox. He is also the author of "Ruby McCollum: The Woman in the Suwannee Jail," announced by Dutton for publication April 16.

Till's Mother Here Feb. 26

Mrs. Mamie Bradley, pictured above with her son 14-year-old Emmett Till, will tell the shocking story of the "approved" killing of the Chicago boy in Mississippi when she appears in a mammoth mass meeting in New Orleans, Sunday, February 26, 3 p. m., at the Coliseum Arena. She has been on a nationwide tour for several weeks and has been speaking to turnaway crowds. Free admission by free ticket only. Call AM. 3540 for information. August Jackson is the promoter.

TILL CASE DECRIED BY BROWNELL AIDE

Deputy Attorney General William P. Rogers last night termed the October killing of Emmet Till in Mississippi a serious black mark against the country.

The 14-year-old Chicago Negro was kidnapped and killed after he assertedly had whistled at a white woman. Two white men charged with the crime were declared not guilty after a trial.

Mr. Rogers' declaration was somewhat stronger than the position taken by his chief, Attorney General Herbert Brownell Jr. In November Mr. Brownell, in a letter to Gov. William G. Stratton of Illinois, said the Federal Government had no jurisdiction because no Federal offense was involved.

Mr. Rogers spoke at a dinner at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel sponsored by the Urban League of Greater New York. A labor leader and a management representative of the baking industry were honored for making "a substantial contribution to improved race relations in our community by working to eliminate discriminatory employment in industry."

The recipients of citations were Max Kralstein, vice president of the Bakery and Confectionery Workers International Union, and George Faunce, vice president and general counsel of the Continental Baking Company.

Mr. Rogers said it was "regrettable that some incidents in certain sections of the country tend to detract" from the overall list of civil rights accomplishments. "One such incident, such as the tragic Till case," he added, "is a serious black mark and does much harm to our country."

Ebony Writer Gives Lowdown on Land Of The Till Murder

The Mississippi Delta region, which today is blazing with fierce racial tensions is featured in the April Ebony magazine. The article entitled "The Land of The Till Murder", was written by Miss Clotye Murdock, who covered the Till trial for Ebony last September.

The Negroes, chafing under the degrading pre-Civil War master-slave relationship, are fighting desperately to end it. The whites, especially the poor whites, are fighting to maintain the status quo.

Today the races are almost equal in number, there being 1,200,000 whites, 990,000 Negroes, with the majority of the Negroes living in the Delta region. In some counties Negroes outnumber them as much as four to one, with the bulk of them being sharecroppers. But whether sharecroppers, physicians or teachers, writes Miss Murdock in Ebony, all Negroes share a common bond, ostracism. They are second-class citizens with each hemmed into his "place" from birth to death.

It is the poorer class of whites that view the Negro with the greatest hostility. The Negro has become his scapegoat, opiate and the subject of all scorn. However poor the white man is he must have this cherished fiction of inborn superiority to place him in his mind above the Negro. He does not wish to see the colored person attain rights and opportunities equal to his, for then this pseudo-superiority would no longer exist, Miss Murdock writes in the magazine article.

Miss Murdock points out that whenever there is racial strife in Mississippi, foreign papers, some of which now refer to the state as the land of the "Till Murder", play up the news. This is proving quite embarrassing to a nation which is attempting to convince other races and peoples that ours is the best way of life for them.

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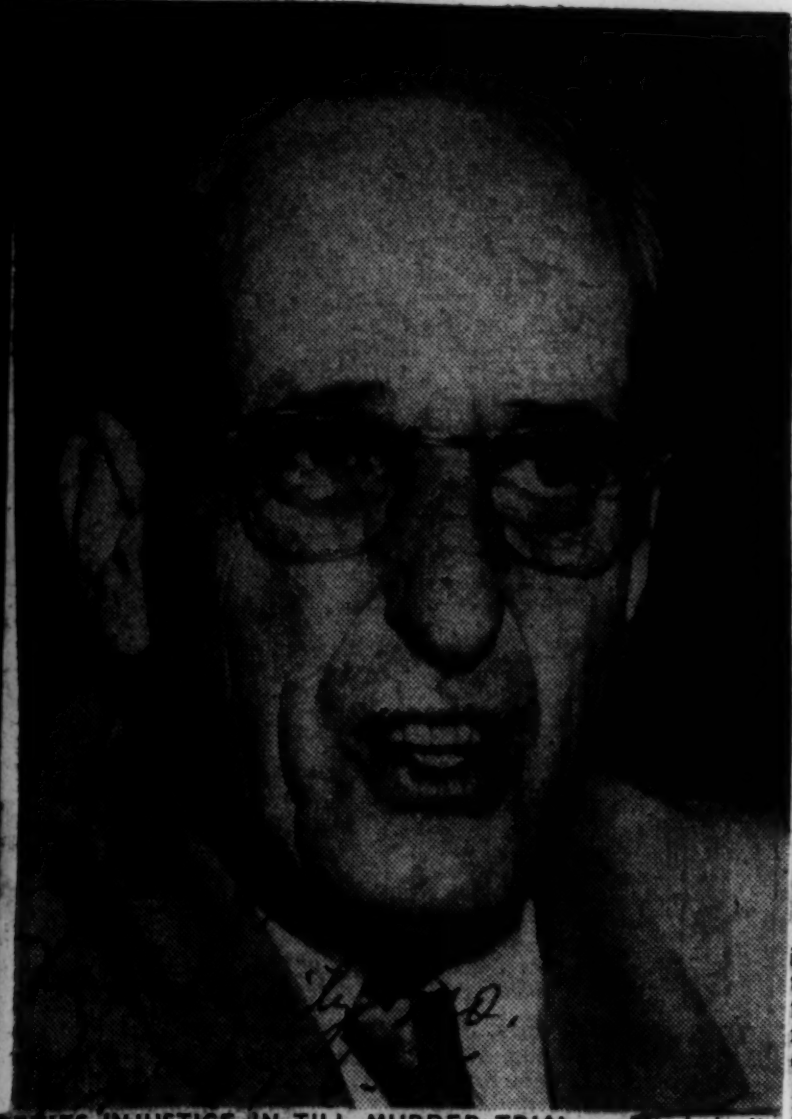

DENIES INJUSTICE IN TILL MURDER TRIAL. — Mississippi's attorney general, Joseph T. Patterson, is shown here as he testified last week before the Senate Judiciary committee on civil rights legislation. He angrily denied that his state closed its eyes to justice in the acquittal of those tried in the killing of Emmett Till, young Chicago boy whose slaying in Mississippi aroused the nation and the world. Patterson contended that the case was founded on circumstantial evidence and "could happen in any state of the union . . . and does happen." Before the committee is an administration bill calling for a civil rights commission and an assistant attorney general to handle such cases as the Till slaying. The committee is headed by Senator James O. Eastland of Mississippi, an outspoken foe of the measure. — ANP Photo.

was an "unfortunate occurrence."

The following day, Congressman John Bell Williams ((D., Miss.) stated that the good people of the South were disturbed about the incident which happened to Nat King Cole in Alabama. "We are sorry it happened," he said.

Both Mississippians declared that racial harmony existed in all the southland until the Supreme Court decision calling for school desegregation. Both claimed that the civil rights of Negroes in Mississippi were never abused.

The Mississippi Attorney General cited incident after incident of what he called justice which had been metered out to Negroes charged with crimes in his state. At the close of the testimony, Sen. William Langer (R., N. D.,) asked about the case of 14-year-old Till who was murdered in his state.

Patterson admitted that this was an unfortunate incident but argued that the people of Mississippi did all they could in the case.

The defendants were indicted by a grand jury and prosecuted by the county attorney, the district attorney and an assistant State's attorney. They were acquitted by a 12-man jury for the lack of evidence. This might happen before any jury in any state, he argued.

In his testimony on the following day, Williams also mentioned the Till case. In connection with this incident, he quoted an article from Labor's Daily which suggested that there should be a national boycott of anything coming from Mississippi.

In referring to the case of King Cole, who was attacked and beaten while appearing in Birmingham, he expressed satisfaction that the singer did not allow himself to be used as a tool by the NAACP.

Willie Reed and Mandy Bradley, who fingered the accused killers. Roy Bryant and J. W. Milam fell into disfavor with local whites and moved away. Milam settled on a farm near Cleveland, Miss., and Bryant sold his small store where the alleged incident took place that led to Till's death.

In Indianapolis, Bryant applied unsuccessfully for many jobs but was turned down. When he applied for a job as a policeman the chief of police told him, "You're lucky to be a citizen."

Mrs. Mamie Bradley, mother of Till is now enrolled at The Chicago Teachers College. Mose Wright, who defied threats and identified the accused murders, is living near Chicago. He told EBONY: "I used to think I couldn't live without seeing cotton stalks. Man I ain't seen cotton in a year and I'm still living."

Mandy Bradley, who testified against Milam and Bryant is living in Chicago with her husband. She told EBONY that she can't return even though her mother is seriously ill. Willie Reed, who also testified for the prosecution, recently underwent an operation for stomach ulcers in Chicago.

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Miss. Official Denies Till Case Whitewash

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Mississippi Officials In Till Case Apology

BY ALICE A. DUNNIGAN

WASHINGTON—(ANP)— While the truthfulness of their testimony might be doubted, it was valuable that Mississippi's representatives have made public apologies for some of the incidents which have occurred in their area, although they made every attempt to justify them.

Testifying before the House Judiciary committee last week, Mississippi Atty. Gen. Joe T. Patterson admitted that the alleged murder of Emmett Till in his state

Ebony Publishes Additional News About Emmett Till

Chicago—Now that the Emmett Till case has been over for more than a year, the October EBONY investigates those involved to see what happened to the principals in the case. After the trial and acquittals and everything, Money, Mississippi is ominously quiet. At first it appears that Till has been forgotten. This is an illusion, says EBONY, a curtain thrown up to shut out the memory of the boy, though dead, won't go away.

There are conspicuous absences. Gone are the old man Mose Wright

Till Case Prosecutor Succumbs

HERNANDO, Miss. — (ANP) — Gerald W. Chatham, the man who handled the lynch trial of 14-year-old Emmett Till last year, died last week of a heart attack. He was 50.

Chatham, a former district prosecuting attorney, had served in the capacity in the 17th Judicial district for 14 years.

He handled the Till trial at Sumner, Miss., last year as the world looked in.

Emmett Till was visiting his uncle in Money, Miss., and was kidnapped from his uncle's home by two white men after he allegedly "wolf-whistled" at a white woman. He was found three days lat-

'A little child shall lead them'

EMMETT TILL — MRS. MAMIE BRADLEY
Mother and son as they appeared prior to fatal Mississippi visit

Till's body found 1 year ago today

WASHINGTON

This week marks the first anniversary of the lynching of Emmett Till, the 14-year-old youth who was slain last year in Mississippi.

The Chicago boy's nude body was found shot and bludgeoned on August 31 in the Tallahatchie River—three days after he was dragged from his grand-uncle's cabin near Money, Miss. by Roy Bryant and J. W. Milam.

The failure of Mississippi law enforcement agencies to bring to justice young Till's killers has, in the months since, caused the youth to become a martyr in the cause of freedom.

HIS DEATH set in motion a chain reaction throughout the nation.

In Chicago, Mrs. Mamie Bradley, mother of Till, opened the boy's casket at funeral services attended by 10,000 persons to "let the world see what they did to my boy."

The mother also attended the now famous "wolf - whistle" trial at which the two white defendants in the case, Bryant and Milam, half - brothers, were freed.

After the trial, newspapers printed streamers stating: "Jury OK's Murder."

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ACCORDING TO the trial testimony, young Till was taken from the home of his grand uncle, Mose Wright, because he had whistled at Bryant's wife a few days before. The youth allegedly whistled while making a purchase at Bryant's store.

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DR. T. R. M. HOWARD, of Mound Bayou, Miss., and other NAACP leaders, went about the country after the trial telling the "true story behind the Till case."

Speaking in Washington last fall, Dr. Howard gave the following account of the murder as told to him by witnesses.

Emmitt Till left home in Chicago on August 20, 1955. On August 24, he and his 16-year-old cousin and three of the local country boys in Money, Miss., walked two and one quarter miles to Bryant's store.

The "country boys" didn't have any money, but Emmett did. Emmett went into the store for bubble gum. After making the purchase, the boy who suffered an impediment of speech told Bryant's wife, "g-g-goodbye."

One of Emett's companions told him: "You know they'll kill you for saying goodbye to a white woman."

Another said: "But she is goodlooking."

Emmett whistled, meaning, "Yes, she is good looking."

Four days later, Emmett was taken from his home by Bryant and Milam.

At 6 p.m. on August 28, Willie Reed, who testified at the trial, was on his way from his grandmother's home when he noticed a pickup truck along the road in Sunflower County, with four white men seated in front and three colored persons in back.

The white companions of Milam and Bryant, were identified as Bryant's brothers, one named Leslie.

As the truck turned, Willie looked squarely into the face of Emmett Till.

Willie's route took him by Leslie Milam's barn and as he passed, he heard someone crying:

"Lord have mercy. Mother save me."

He heard blows. He turned and went to the nearest colored persons's home. That was the residence of Mrs. Amanda Bradley.

Mrs. Bradley was cooking bacon when Willie asked her:

"Aunt Mandy, who's that they're beating in the barn?"

"Hush your mouth child," Mrs. Bradley said. "They ain't beating nobody."

But she sent Willie and Curtis Young to the well to get some water.

When they got to the well they could still hear a child crying. The cries got fainter and fainter, then died away.

Willie and Curtis carried their water back to the house. They looked back and saw the four white men standing together outside the barn. They saw the men place the body on the truck. They saw them throw a dirty tarpaulin over the body.

A few days later, Emmett's body was fished from the river.

THIS STORY was repeated at NAACP mass meetings throughout the country. Public spirit was aroused. Foreign newspapers took up the cry.

Mrs. Bradley, the boy's mother, traveled extensively under the sponsorship of the NAACP, on speaking engagements.

APPEARING AT a rally attended by 12,000 persons at Uline Arena, Mrs. Bradley said:

"I soon realized I couldn't cry enough for Emmett. So I decided to go out and tell the world what they did to my boy."

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MOSES WRIGHT, from whose home Emmett was kidnapped, also plummetted into prominence as a public speaker. He defied a threat against his life to testify at the trial; later had to flee the state.

SINCE THAT time, there have been others who have become martyrs in the cause of democracy.

The now - famous bus boycott in Montgomery, Ala., is still front page reading. Arthurine Lucy fought a bitter battle against prejudice at the University of Alabama.

But none has stirred the desire for full freedom among the colored people of the nation as did Emmett Till by his death.

It was as if one - tenth of a national suddenly awakened to discover that "a little child shall lead them."

BAKERY JOBS AVAILABLE

NEW YORK—Bakery jobs are available for married men between the ages of 20-35 with truck driving experience. Starting salary is $75 for five-day week. Call Urban League at AUdubon 6-8000, 204 W. 136th St.

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Judge Tells Of Threat During Till Case

Explains Indictment Up To Jury

GREENVILLE, Miss. — (ANP) —Circuit Judge Arthur Jordan, at the opening of circuit court here last Monday, said he received an anonymous letter last fall threatening him and his family if he "refused to indict" J. W. Milam and Roy Bryant for the murder of 14-year-old Emmett Till.

Judge Jordan said the letter, mailed from "near Greenwood," was probably written by a crank. He added that he wasn't disturbed.

TELLS GRAND JULY

The judge reported the incident in his charge to the grand jury. He told the jury.

"Perhaps I should explain the duties of this court after an incident that happened some weeks ago. I received a printed letter saying 'if you don't get those murderers, your house will be burned down and you and your family will be killed.'

"This brings up a point that many people don't seem to understand. A judge cannot indict the men he's talking about or anyone else. A judge cannot indict anyone."

After Bryant and Milam were freed of the "wolf-whistle" murder charge, an all-white Tallahatchie grand jury declined to indict them on a charge of kidnaping.

The incident took place in Judge Jordan's district, but the trial was held in another district because Till's body was discovered in the Tallahatchie River in Judge Curtis Swango's district.

Till case 'stunk' says Kefauver in Prexy bid

Stevenson flunks 'acid test'; Kefauver comes out boldy for federal intervention in South

By DOROTHY COLE & ALMENA LOMAX

(See editorial, "Tennessee Lincoln", page 6)

For thousands of Negroes throughout the state of California, the well-arranged, parlor-car tour by Adlai Stevenson of the state of his birth this week, was soured as Stevenson bypassed an opportunity at the California Democratic Council Convention to make an affirmative statement on civil rights, and then opened his mouth and put his foot in it on the subject at the Watkins hotel Tuesday where his backers staged a reception to give the Negro community a look at the Presidential aspirant.

It remained for Estes Kefauver, Senator from Tennessee, that anathema to Negroes these days — a southerner, to steal the show, civil rights-wise, and to save the day for the Democratic party with a statement as firm and resolute as if he hailed from the northernmost tip of the most northern state in the union.

Departing from the text of his prepared speech at Fresno last Saturday, Kefauver told the assembled delegates that he had received a wire containing "12 or 15 questions from Franklin Williams, of the Naacp, which I will answer in the course of my campaign.

"However, it is my personal philosophy that anyone's color or religion should never interfere with his full rights as a citizen."

The Tennessee Lincolnesque Tennessee Senator went on to call for compliance with the Supreme Court mandate for school integration, and to call upon "public officials and the President to uphold the Constitution," as regards that mandate.

He reiterated his belief, stated before, that "both groups" — the pro and anti-segregationists should "get together and work out" problems rising from the mandate, and said again, his sole concession to his native South, that the solution would take "time".

TILL MURDER "HORRIBLE"

Kefauver also called the Till murder "horrible".

Not referring to the South by name, he obviously meant it when he said, with reference to the Till case, "People all over the United States will have to become more thoughtful and law abiding regarding the rights of other people.

"Where such mob action cannot be controlled, where local authorities fail, it must be made part of the federal criminal code" to procede federally, the Tennessean said.

Earlier in his press conference, Kefauver came out in favor of a federal FEPC, federal intervention to guarantee the right to vote of Negroes in the South, and he made the statement that "The federal government has already guaranteed the right to vote, and if anything happens to deprive anyone of that right, the federal government should intervene."

Kefauver added that he would favor a Constitutional amendment to do away with the poll tax.

STEVENSON URGES GRADUALISM

Stevenson, by contrast, neither made any reference in his prepared speech to the civil rights issue, nor departed from his text in anyway.

The Naacp, which announced that it had addressed identical telegrams to Stevenson and Kefauver, quizzing them on their positions on civil rights, Monday issued a special bulletin stating that Stevenson had answered the wire, saying with reference to the Powell anti-segregation amendment to Federal Aid to Education legislation, "I hardly think such an amendment necessary."

The Illinoisian called "such an amendment undesirable as a matter of policy and unnecessary as a matter of law." He went on:

"The Supreme Court has declared that no Child may be barred from attending any public school on the basis of race. Any school which accepts public funds is a a public school. It follows, therefore, that acceptance of Federal funds by a school district brings its schools under the direct jurisdiction of the court.

"The process of merging the old dual school systems often results in additional expense. A postponement of Federal aid may well delay, therefore, the process of transition which is already in progress in many areas where segregation was formerly required by law."

On Tuesday in Los Angeles at the Watkins hotel where a reception was hosted by Assemblyman Augustus F. Hawkins to enable the Negro community to see and be seen by the Presidential hopeful, Stevenson opposed federal intervention, which he chose to typify as "troops and bayonets", to enforce

desegration in schools and travel.

"That would be a great mistake. It would be a revival of the Civil War," he said.

"We must go about these things gradually. It's the spirit of men that will change these things for the better. It will not be troops or bayonets."

Stevenson described as a good deadline to shoot at for settling the integration issue Jan. 1, 1963, the 100th anniversary of the Emancipation Proclamation, ostensibly urging Negroes to wait to press for their rights until then.

It was thought that Stevenson hit at the relatively low Negro vote in the North when he stated as his "chief concern" in the racial field, seeing to it that the Negro is franchised.

"The basic assumption of democracy," he said, "is that you have not only the right, but the duty to vote."

The West Coast Regional Office of the Naacp at San Francisco said no written message had been received as of Monday from Kefauver; but it released a statement by two California Democratic leaders, Assemblyman Byron Rumford and the Rev. L. Sylvester Odom, pastor of Park Chapel AME church, Oakland, who, the Naacp said, "went to the Fresno meeting Stevenson supporters and left wearing Kefauver buttons after (Stevenson) failed in behind-the-scenes conferences and on the platform to take a strong position on civil rights.

"Several prominent Negro Democrats have reported that they were 'tremendously impressed' with Kefauver's civil rights stand as expressed to them personally in Fresno," the Naacp said.

"Both Rumford and Rev. Odom stated here that Negro Democrats are 'disgusted' with Stevenson," the Naacp reported.

plained his statement to the fifth annual convention of the regional council of Negro leadership Friday.

"I talked with some people up there," he said, "and they told me, 'If you would have just kept that damned NAACP out, we would have seen to it these men were put in prison.'

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Laments Trial

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At the time, the NAACP pledged its assistance in bringing Till's killers to justice. Many out-of-state Negroes attended the trial at the small town of Sumner.

Dr. Howard lamented the trial itself which he called a "Roman holiday because I have respect for the American judicial system.

"Those two white men got loose. And a few months later, they confessed to killing Till."

Earlier this year, a national magazine carried a story by William Bradford Huie quoting Milam as saying he and Bryant killed Till.

Milam later denied giving Huie such a story.

Hits Other Deaths

Dr. Howard also blasted Mississippi because he said the killers of three other Negroes were not punished.

He referred to the automobile death of the Rev. George Lee of Belzoni in 1954, the pistol slaying of Lamar Smith on the Lincoln county courthouse lawn in 1955 and the shotgun slaying of Clinton Melton in a service station in Glendora earlier this year.

Melton's killer was acquitted on the grounds of self defense in the same courthouse where Bryant and Milam were acquitted.

Dr. Howard also lamented the shooting of Gus Courts, a Belzoni grocer, last summer.

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NAACP ACT HELD ACQUITTAL KEY

Told Interference Caused Verdict—Howard

JACKSON, Miss., April 28 (AP)—A Mississippi Negro leader said he learned interference by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People precipitated the acquittal of two white men charged with killing Emmett Till last summer.

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Till Figure Injured In Auto Crash

GREENVILLE, Miss. — (ANP) — Roy Bryant, one of two white half-brothers who went free last year when an all-white jury cleared them of blame in the brutal lynching of 14-year-old Emmett Till, was injured last week in a two-car crash here.

Bryant, 25, his wife Carolyn, 22, and Negro Airman William Macon of Greenville Air Force Base, were treated and released from a hospital here following the collision.

Officers said Macon was driving on Highway 1 when he collided with a car driven by James H. Holloway of Indanola, Miss. Bryant and his wife were passengers in Holloway's car. No charges were filed pending further investigation.

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Writer challenges Brownell to act in Till kidnap-murder case

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A (Second) Open Letter to Attorney General Herbert Brownell.

Dear Sir:

Shortly after returning from two trips to Mississippi to cover the murder trial and kidnap indictment proceedings connected with the death of Emmett L. Till, I wrote an open letter to you in which I documented to the best of my ability the facts of Emmett Till's death.

At the same time, while writing you this letter, I made every effort to protect the courageous colored people of Mississippi whose sense of fairness and decency made them come forward and tell newsmen what they knew about Till's death, in spite of the fact that they knew if their names ever became known their very lives would be in danger in Mississippi.

After the letter was published and read by readers of the AFRO-AMERICAN, a group of women called on you and called your attention to the letter, I am told.

I do not know the names of persons in that group; I do not know the circumstances of their audience with you and I do not know how the question of my letter to you came up.

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BUT I HAVE before me a clipping from a New York newspaper in which it is stated that when the women asked you about the facts as published in my letter, you told them that your office had investigated the things I reported and had found that the charges I made were "groundless."

I'd like to say first that if you gave such an answer to this women's group you gave them more consideration than you did me who wrote the letter because to the best of my knowledge no one in your office took the trouble to answer my charges anywhere.

But what I started out to write you about is this: If you found the charges that I made "groundless," what do you now have to say about the confession of J. W. Milam and Roy Bryant as published in the current issue of a national magazine?

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MR. BRYANT and Mr. Milam, Mr. Attorney General, are simply confirming this month what I tried to say two months ago and which you dismissed as "groundless."

For fear that your office might be too busy to read the magazine article, let's sum it up here briefly:

J. W. Milan is quoted in the magazine article as "telling just how he shot Emmett Till through the head with a .45 calibre automatic which the article says he brought home from his military service.

Mr. Milam is quoted from direct quotes all through the article.

Now, Mr. Brownell, you are a lawyer and you know that if a magazine or any publication charges a man with murder in direct quotes, that man can sue the magazine or newspaper for libel in any court in this nation AND FORCE THAT MAGAZINE OR NEWSPAPER TO EITHER PROVE HE COMMITTED THE MURDER OR COLLECT DAMAGES TO THE AMOUNT OF HARM HE HAS SUFFERED BY SUCH A CHARGE!

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IN OTHER WORDS, the burden of proof here is on the magazine printing the confession. Now —Is J. W. Milam filing suit against the magazine? He is not.

And why not? A Mississippi jury acquitted him of murder and he is in an ideal position to sue. But he is not suing.

Why?

Is the magazine worried that Milam will sue it because it accuses him of murder? It is not.

Why?

The attorney for the magazine has told me that its owners are not only not afraid that a suit will be filed but that they are confident that if a suit is filed they can win it without the least trouble.

Why is the magazine so confident?

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WELL, MR. ATTORNEY GENERAL, you are the highest lawyer in the land—what would be the best guarantee that any editor would want in a case like this?

That's right — an affidavit signed by J. W. Milam in which he admits to the magazine that everything in the article is true. That's the only kind of guarantee that any publication with the national standing of Look Magazine could accept under the circumstances.

In other words, Mr. Brownell, what I now say is that Milam and Bryant have confessed their killing of Emmett Till and there is a strong suggestion that they were paid a handsome sum for the confession.

Now, back to my letter. At the time that I wrote to you, Milam and Bryant had already been acquitted of murder.

Yet you reportedly told the group of women who visited you that your office investigated the charges I made and found them "groundless."

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NOW IF YOU TOOK THE time to investigate the charges I made, it must have been in the hope that if you found they were true there was the possibility of taking some legal action against Milam and Bryant.

For if you had already concluded that there was nothing that could be done with the two men after their acquittal there was no need for you to investigate my charges. For even if you had found them to be true, you could have done nothing.

But you did investigate and I can therefore assume that since you investigated there was a possibility of legal action against them if you found the charges true.

WELL, THEN, MR. BROWNELL, though you found my charges "groundless," you now have the net result of my charges dumped right into your lap by none other than Bryant and Milam themselves.

In the magazine article they simply confess that they killed Emmett Till.

It seems to me only logical that whatever plan you had of dealing with them when you investigated my charges can simply be dragged out now and used with full speed ahead.

It's your move, Mr. Attorney General!

JAMES L. HICKS.

Ask new indictment in Till kidnap case

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Baltimore Md

NEW YORK—Mississippi Attorney General J. P. Coleman was urged this week by NAACP Executive Secretary Roy Wilkins to convene the grand jury of Le new presentment of kidnap charges in the Emmett Till case.

Mr. Wilkins' action was taken as the result of an article published in the current issue of Look Magazine. William B. Huie, author of the article, quotes Roy Bryant and J. W. Milam as admitting the kidnapping and killing of 14-year-old Emmett Louis Till last summer.

In calling upon Mr. Coleman to convene the grand jury of Le Flore County, Mr. Wilkins declared: "The whole nation is horrified and stands humiliated in the eyes of the civilized world that these vicious men should walk free and unashamed while boasting of their depravity."

"IF NOTHING is done to make them pay for at least one of their crimes," Mr. Wilkins continued, "not only is Mississippi disgraced but our country will be held up for international ridicule.

"Accordingly, we urge you to act promptly to save the good name of our country and to salvage what you can for the State of Mississippi."

Bryant and Milam were acquitted by a trial jury on the charge of murdering young Till. A grand jury refused to indict the half brothers on the kidnaping charge.

Mr. Wilkins' request was in the form of a telegram sent to Mr. Coleman Jan. 9.

In a letter to Look Magazine, Mr. Wilkins took issue with the way in which the story was handled. Alleged remarks and acts of young Till were published as "facts," he pointed out. The author opens his account with the statement: "Here are the facts."

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THEREUPON, Mr. Wilkins asserted, "he tells the woman's uncorroborated story, the same story she told Judge Curtis M. Swango in the courtroom in Sumner, Miss., last September and which Judge Swango decided should not be presented to the jury.

"Mr. Huie does not say this is the story of the events as related by the woman, nor does he say or imply in any way that another person who gave him the story of the actual crime told him this story was one which induced the kidnaping and killing.

"Who stands behind these 'facts,' Mr. Huie?"

Milam Hints At Libel Suit— Till Slaying Article Put In Congressional Record

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Birmingham Ala.
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WASHINGTON, Jan. 13 (U.P.)—Rep. Charles C. Diggs Jr. (D., Mich.) placed in the congressional record today a magazine article stating flatly that J. W. Milam murdered a 14-year-old Negro boy in Mississippi last August.

Milam, 36, and his half-brother, Roy Bryant, 24, were acquitted of the murder of Emmett Till, young Chicago Negro.

At Jackson, Miss., Milam promptly denied killing the Till boy. He told reporters he never has talked with any representatives of Look magazine, which published the article. He said he plans to "talk to my lawyer" about filing a libel suit.

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The Post called for a re-opening of the kidnap charges against Milam and Bryant. A grand jury failed to indict them on the kidnap accusation although the pair admitted taking the boy from the home of his uncle.

The NAACP wired Gov. J. P. Coleman, who took office this week:

"In view of the admission . . . the NAACP calls upon you to convene the grand jury of LeFlore County for the purpose of a new presentation of the kidnap charges against these self-confessed criminals."

Coleman said that neither he nor the state attorney general can convene a county grand jury. He said there was no question that "there would have been a conviction in their cases if forces outside the state barged in and upset things."

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AGENCY RENEWS TILL CASE RULING

Federal Government Can't Move In, Is Decision

WASHINGTON, Feb. 10 (AP)—The justice department has renewed its ruling that there is no law under which the federal government could move in on the Emmet Till kidnap-slaying case in Mississippi.

Replying to a call from former Rep. Samuel T. Yorty (D-Calif) for federal action in the killing of the 14-year-old Chicago Negro last summer, Asst. Atty. Gen. Warren Olney III restated the stand previously taken by Atty. Gen. Brownell and deputy Atty. Gen. William P. Rogers.

Olney's letter, dated Jan. 26, said with regard to the killing itself that both the kidnaping of the youth and the slaying, from all available information, took place inside Mississippi so that the state "alone had jurisdiction."

Yorty, in a letter dated Jan. 15, also raised a question whether the legal processes under which J. W. Milam and Roy Bryant were acquitted in the case in a state court might be challenged by the federal government. He said he knew about the "double jeopardy" bar against a new prosecution, but he contended there was no real "jeopardy" or danger to the defendants in view of the race attitude of people in the area.

Olney told the former congressman in that regard:

"The department did look into rumors of irregularities in this connection but discovered no basis for federal intervention."

Emmett Till's mother on gospel singers' circuit

CINCINNATI — Mrs. Mamie Bradley, mother of Emmett Till, is reported touring the Midwest with the Gospel Caravan Festival, speaking, according to advance newspaper publicity, on "one woman's struggles for the rights, of her own and 'every mother's son".

With Mrs. Bradley in the 'package', which is booked for two days here next week, are:

"Bishop Robert Hines, of New York, evangelist-healer; Brother Joe May; the 100-voice Cincinnati Choral Association and the Cheraliers;

"Also Little Miss Sammie Bryant, the world's Smallest Woman and the Beloved Singer of the Hallelujah Songs; Prof. J. Earl Hines, former director of California's Echoes of Eden choir of St. Paul Baptist church; Prof. Herbert F. Carlson, of Detroit, and Floyd Matthews, Cincinnati pianist."

An announcement said the Caravan is sponsored by the Hines Scholarship Foundation "to aid the education of otherwise qualified students who must curtail their studies because of poverty or discrimination."

No Case on Till, Justice Dept. Says

United Press

The Justice Department repeated yesterday politely but firmly, that it has found "no basis for Federal intervention" in the Emmett Till murder case in Mississippi.

Assistant Attorney General Warren Olney III, head of the criminal division, told former Rep. Sam Yorty (D-Calif.) the Department shares "your humane feelings of shock and revulsion at this brutal taking of a h[illegible]

But Olney said "all available information" shows the killing and kidnaping took place "entirely within the state of Mississippi, and therefore "no Federal jurisdiction was found to exist."

N. Y. Post Says Deal Being Made

Attorneys for Film Company Are Negotiating

NEW YORK. — (ANP) — Ted Poston, Negro writer on the New York Post, reported last week that J. W. Milam and Roy Bryant are negotiating for the use of their names and characters in a movie on the [illegible] Till. Bryant and Milam were acquitted of the [illegible]

According to Poston, A. Lloyd Royal, the president of Panorama Pictures of Meridian, Miss., said an agreement is near between the firm and the two men.

"Our attorneys are already negotiating with them down there, and I don't anticipate any difficulty in having the proper releases and contracts drawn up," the Post quoted Royal. He continued:

To Use True Names

"We are going to call it the 'Emmett Till Story' and we intend to use true names and characters. We will have to dramatize it some, of course, for entertainment purposes, but we should be ready to start shooting in the actual locale of the crime in about four weeks."

Royal was described as the operator of a chain of movie houses in Mississippi, and it was said he came to New York to sign William Bradford Huie to write the script for the movie.

Huie created a new demand for justice in the Till case with a supposedly factual account of how young Till met his death at the hands of Milam and Bryant.

Huie also revealed that he is planning to do a complete book on the affair.

Royal told the Post that he has a signed release from Mrs. Mamie Bradley, mother of Till. Mrs. Bradley was quoted as saying:

Have Signed Contract

"I signed the contract around the first of the year and I have engaged a lawyer to advise me on all phases of the venture. My contract gives me the right to pass on the script and I will exercise that right."

Mrs. Bradley said that she will not permit the movie to portray her son as the bragging sex-mad Look story who was presented in the magazine article by Huie.

"I know the kind of boy Emmett was and he was nothing like he was pictured in that article," she said.

Huie said he will begin work on the script and that he thinks it will "make a fine picture."

"If Milam and Bryant don't sign statements, we will be willing to take the risks involved. But we intend to use real names and places and the real locale of the killing."

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Congressman Cites Till Case Story, Says Mississippi Pair Flout Justice

World-Telegram and Sun Newspaper, N. Y.

Jan. 1-13-56

Diggs Urges U.S. Revamp Laws to Aid Minorities

By the United Press.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 13.—Rep. Charles C. Diggs Jr. (D., Mich.) put into today's Congressional Record a Look Magazine article purporting to show that a Mississippi white man who was tried and acquitted in the Emmett Till murder case actually was the killer of the Chicago Negro boy.

According to the Look account a second man who was tried and freed in the case accompanied the killer in routing the Negro boy from his bed during the night, beating him with a pistol and driving him to the spot at which he was shot to death and dumped into the river.

Sees No Doubt.

In remarks published in the record, Rep. Diggs, one of three Negro House members, said of the Look article:

"The stunning revelations are so detailed and stated so positively, the magazine's journalistic integrity and knowledge of libel law is so well established, there is no doubt in my mind that the information came directly from the killers themselves, J. W. Milam and Roy Bryant.

"Safely within the legal confines of immunity from another trial for the same offense provided by the very constitution which they and others of their breed have challenged, these men apparently grasped the opportunity of selling the exclusive story for an undoubtedly handsome financial reward."

The article, written and copyrighted by William Bradford Huie, pictured Milam as having fired the shot that killed young Till. The article said Milam and Byrant originally had intended only to whip him "and scare some sense into him" after the 14-year-old Negro bragged he had "been with white girls before" and asked Bryant's wife, Carolyn, for a date.

Wants New Laws.

Rep. Diggs said the article "in my opinion confirms what was made abundantly clear last year—that there was a tremendous miscarriage of justice in the infamous case of Emmett Till."

"The case itself had become obscure by obvious efforts to defy any criticism of Mississippi racial custom. Nothing more graphically illustrates the immediate need for corrective legislation by the Congress of the United States," Rep. Riggs said.

"Negroes must be guaranteed the right to vote without interference, intimidation, or unwarranted restrictions so they may qualify to serve on juries and exercise influence in the election of fair-minded public officials.

"The attorney general must be granted sufficient power to intervene in those cases where individual states refuse to provide equal protection of the law to all citizens. This should not preclude, however, such action as he can pursue under present statutes."

Youth Defiant.

According to the Look account, Bryant and Milam took young Till from his great uncle's home early Sunday morning, Aug. 28, and drove for some time trying to find a remote spot. Finally they allegedly returned to a tool shed behind Milam's house where they pistol-whipped the boy, and then drove to a lonely area, no far from Swan Lake, where Milam shot him about 7 a.m.

Look said throughout the ordeal the Till boy remained defiant and the two men were infuriated.

"I'm no bully," Look quoted Milam as saying. "I never hurt a nigger in my life. I like niggers—in their place—I know how to work 'em.

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"Niggers ain't gonna vote where I live. If they did, they'd control the government. They ain't gonna go to school with my kids. And when a nigger even gets close to mentioning sex with a white woman, he's tired o' living. I'm likely to kill him.

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Stripped Naked.

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Then, Look said, this conversation followed between Milan and young Til, who was known as Bobo:

"Milam—you've still 'had' white women?

"Bobo—yeah."

With that, said Look, "that big .45 jumped in big Milam's hand. The youth turned to catch that big, expanding bullet at his right ear. He dropped."

Didn't Try to Flee.

Author Huie is a free lance writer, lecturer, former associate editor of the American Mercury. The magazine did not say how the suotes from Milam and bryant were obtained.

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Boston Herald Dec Money Loud

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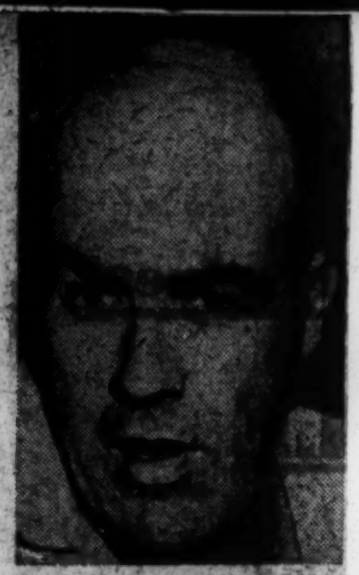

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UNBELIEVABLE!

BEGINNING—A new series of seven articles on the Till Lynching and, a revealing insight into "Dixie's State of Mind."

Afro Magazine Section Sat. 1-28-56
Baltimore, Md.

The Final Verdict?

Greenwood, Miss.

It is now official. J. W. Milam and Roy Bryant were not alone when they snatched a 14-year-old colored boy out of a cotton-picker's cabin in the dark the night he died. The flower of Mississippi rode with them.

On Nov. 19, 1955, 20 Leflore County grand jurors took upon themselves and their state the whole burden of whatever atonement J. W. Milam and Roy Bryant must some day, somewhere pay.

District Attorney Stanny Sanders, desperate and harassed, could not find 12 of those 20 who would vote to indict Milam and Bryant for kidnapping Emmett Louis Till. The grand jury saved its county the cost of a trial and it laid upon white Mississippi the whole and awful guilt of the murder of a child.

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THE GRAND JURORS were heard in warm and fraternal laughter just before they brought in their verdict.

That would indicate that they were at peace with themselves but they cannot have been very proud; before they came out, they sent word that no press photographers could take their pictures, and now they have dispersed and Greenwood will have to be content with its old Confederate monument, because there are no likenesses available for any sculptor who might like this new band of heroes.

They trooped into Greenwood's refurbished courtroom, with its pictures of the county's ancient worthies, including old Greenwood Leflore, the last of the Choctaw chiefs, who atoned for his non-Anglo-Saxon heritage by acquiring a high collar and more slaves than anyone in the neighborhood.

Sheriff George Smith ceased his casual recital of the stories the old colored people had told him about Leflore's ancient glory, and the reporters took their feet off the witness table.

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THE GRAND jurors stood in a half circle in front of Judge Arthur Jordan's bench around June Broadway, the plantation manager who was their foreman.

Broadway handed up the findings and murmured that, in these three days, the grand jury had found 27 true bills and 7 no bills.

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"We have inspected the county farm and the poorhouse and found them efficiently run. The walls of the jail cells need repainting, but all prisoners are receiving proper treatment and care.

We recommend that one commode in the courthouse be replaced." If Greenwood has cause for shame today, let no man say it is for a little thing like a toilet facility.

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THEN THEY were gone to get their pay as good men and Jud Jordan said with a gentle smile that there had been no true bill in the case of J. W. Milam and Roy Bryant.

To do this thing these 20 men had to disregard the unchallenged testimony of three witnesses; Moses Wright, Emmett Till's great-uncle who swore that Milam and Bryant came to his cabin demanding "the boy who did the talking at Money" on the night of Aug. 28; Sheriff Smith who testified that Bryant had admitted the kidnaping to him the next day; and Deputy Sheriff John Ed Cothran, who remembered that Milam had affirmed his own part when he was arrested two days later.

These jurors have neither the legal right nor the moral inclination to say what they found in their souls to offset this direct evidence.

But their peers in Greenwood talk of just two things: Emmett Till's father was executed for rape-and-murder, and, what is more, the boy was not really kidnapped but went voluntarily with these two strangers. Alone in the night with the kindly gentlemen who said "Don't say yes to me or I'll beat the hell out of you."

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J. W. MILAM was out somewhere in Tallahatchie County bossing the chopping of the cotton. Roy Bryant has gone; the store where Emmett Till committed the capital crime of whistling at Caroline Bryant is up for sale.

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And yet he knows no other; his last words, when he had run his course, were that he is too old to try anything new and we may suppose that he will wither and die somewhere on these alien pavements.

As for Emmett Till, there was no Emmett Till; by action of the sovereign state of Mississippi, he has been wiped off the earth; he is not even dead because he never existed.

The final verdict of man is in; there remains only God. The State of Mississippi stands on its feet with all shame abandoned; it is somehow terrible that it is not on its knees begging for pity.

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Record of Emmett Till Murder

Lest We Forget—

The heinous slaying of 14-year-old Emmett Till will remain forever green on wax. Record firm head Dootsie Williams and Madame A. C. Bilbrew, composer of "The Death of Emmett Till," display one of the early pressings of the record in Los Angeles. — Irving C. Smith Photo.

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The article contained alleged confessions of two white men, J. W. Milan and Roy Bryant, in connection with the kidnapping and murder of Till, a Chicago Negro. Milam and Bryant were acquitted of the murder last fall.

"Obviously it is not possible to reopen the murder trial, for this would be a violation of the constitutional prohibition against double jeopardy," the ACLU said.

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"Thereupon," Mr. Wilkins asserted, "he tells the woman's uncorroborated story, the same story she told Judge Curtis M. Swango in the courtroom in Sumner, Miss., last September and which Judge Swango decided should not be presented to the jury. Mr. Huie does not say this is the story of the events as related by the woman, nor does he say or imply in any way that another person who gave him the story of the actual crime told him this story was one which induced the kidnapping and killing. Who stands behind these 'facts,' Mr. Huie?"

Article Libels Mississippi, Carolina Lawmakers Say

WASHINGTON, Jan. 17 (U.P.)—Rep. L. Mendel Rivers (D. S. C.) charged today a Look Magazine story on the Emmett Till case vilified, slandered and libeled the state of Mississippi "with unmitigated vituperation."

Rivers made the statement in a one-minute House speech. He said the article, written by William Bradford Huie, in effect told the nation Mississippi "is one of the worst places on earth."

The article, put in the Congressional Record" last week by Rep. Charles C. Diggs Jr., D., Mich.), said J. W. Milam murdered Emmett Till, 14-year-old Chicago Negro. It said Milam's half-brother, Roy Bryant, also joined Milam in pistol-whipping Till in Mississippi last August because the boy had wolf-whistled at Bryant's wife. Both were acquitted.

"It is a tragedy when the good name of a state is held up, for dramatic purposes, to ridicule and scorn at the hands of these headline seekers such as the one that appears in Look Magazine," Rivers said.

The South Carolina Democrat introduced into the Congressional Record an article written by Davis Lee, identified by Rivers as a Negro and publisher of a Newark, N. J., newspaper, The Telegram.

Rivers said the Lee article, "written by a man who had nothing to gain," was in answer to Huie's article.

Lee wrote that after seven weeks in Mississippi he was convinced the state "is no worse than any other state in the Union."

"What has happened there could have happened in any of the 48 states with sufficient provocative agitation," Lee said.

Lee said this fact was evident everywhere he went—"white people in Mississippi love and respect their Negro employes."

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Emmett Till's Bravado Led To Killing, It Is Claimed

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NEW YORK, January 9 — Emmett (Bobo) Till's bragging that he "had relations with white women," and his bravado in the face of a whipping by the half-brothers, J W Milam and Roy Bryant, led to his killing, statements attributed to the two men indicated today.

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The article also disclosed the following facts which led to Till's killing:

1. Young Emmett Till accosted Roy Bryant's wife Carolyn inside the Bryant store at Money, Mississippi. His actions came after he had been challenged by a cousin to make good his boast that he had success with white girls in Chicago.

2. Till "squeezed Carolyn's hand and said, 'How about a date, Baby?'", when she handed him 2 cents' worth of bubble gum, the Look story said. As Carolyn ran to the back of the store, young Till jumped in front of her, perhaps caught her at the waist and said, "You needn't be afraid o' me, Baby. I been with white girls before."

3. At this point, a cousin of Till ran in, grabbed him and pulled him out of the store. Outside with Till being ushered off by his cousins, he executed the "wolf whistle" which gave the case its name.

Till's Uncle Tells Story To Magazine

Informer 19 Houston Tex.

NEW YORK — Emmett Till's uncle, Preacher Moses Wright, has told an exclusive tape-recorded story to Front Page Detective magazine, entitled, "I Saw Them Take Emmett Till," it's an eye-witness account of the night Emmett Till was kidnapped by two white men in Money, Mississippi; his impressions of the trial; the resulting publicity, and the effects of the case on him. The story, exactly as Wright told it, appears in the February issue of the magazine.

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ARTICLE IN MAGAZINE DISPUTED BY MILAM

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Denies He Made Statements Quoted In Look

J. W. Milam of Minter City, Miss., one of two white men acquitted of the slaying of Emmett Louis Till, yesterday denied he made statements attributed to him in a Look magazine article.

The Till case is the subject of an article in the magazine's Jan. 24 issue titled "The Shocking Story of Approved Killing in Mississippi."

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Milam was acquitted with his half-brother, Roy Bryant, of murder charges placed after the body of the 14-year-old Till, a Chicago Negro, was found in the Tallahatchie River. The September trial was at Sumner, Miss. A grand jury later refused to indict the pair on kidnaping charges.

Milam said last night the magazine article had been read to him by a newsman.

"I haven't seen a copy yet," he said, "but when I get one I'll turn it over to my lawyer."

Two killed Till

Afro American Baltimore Md. Sat. 1-14-56

NEW YORK—J. W. Milam and Roy Bryant have admitted killing Emmett Till, 14, because he insisted that he was as "good" as they were, according to William Bradford Huie in an article in the current Look Magazine.

Milam, Huie reports, confessed shooting Till in the back of the head after making the Chicago youth carry a 74-pound gin fan to the river's shore. The fan was used to weight the boy's body down. Both men were acquitted

of the murder at Sumner, Miss., last September.

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New Look Asked At Till Kidnaping

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Miami, Fla. P. 6-A

Civil Liberties Union Bases Request on Magazine Article

NEW YORK — (UP) — The American Civil Liberties Union said Saturday a Mississippi grand jury should "take a new look" at the kidnaping phase of the Emmett Till murder case in view of Look magazine article.

A statement released by the ACLU's director, Patrick Murphy Malin, said the article written by William Bradford Huie made reexamination of the Till case imperative.

The article contained alleged confessions of two white men, J. W. Milam and Roy Bryant, in connection with the kidnaping and murder of Till, a Chicago Negro. Milam and Bryant were acquitted of the murder last fall.

"Obviously it is not possible to reopen the murder trial, for this would be a violation of the constitutional prohibition against double jeopardy," the ACLU said.

"But the Huie article, and the statement by Look, a magazine of national reputation, that it is prepared to substantiate the article's assertions if challenged, make it clear that a Mississippi grand jury should take a new look at the kidnaping phase of the Till case.

"There is no civil liberties reason that would prevent a grand jury, based on newly discovered evidence, from re-examining the matter."

replied, however:

"If I can find out the truth certainly, the state of Mississippi can. If the state wants the facts, they can get them."

The magazine story, as inserted in the Congressional Record last week by Rep. Charles C. Diggs, jr., (D) Mich., alleged that J. W. Milam shot to death Till while he and his half-brother, Roy Bryant, were trying "to scare some sense into him."

The magazine story brought from an NAACP official in New York a demand that a grand jury be re-convened to consider kidnap charges against two white men acquited last summer for the Till murder.

It was in response to that demand from NAACP Executive Secretary Roy Wilkins that a law official close to the case suggested Thursday that further grand jury action would depend upon the magazine or the author making known the identity of the sources.

Both Milam and Bryant, who were acquitted of murdering the 14-year-old Chicago boy, denied the magazine story.

Bryant said, "I haven't seen the article, but if it's anything I am supposed to have said, I deny it. I don't have any comment until we finish talking to our lawyers."

Milam said, "His (the author's) imaginaton may cost him like hell."

Huie, who lives at Hartsville, Ala., said, "Every line of the story is the exact truth. Every line is provable fact. I'm not saying I wouldn't go before a grand jury, but I did find sources that I wouldn't want to reveal."

Only Circuit Judges can re-convene a grand jury, and Judge Arthur Jordan of Greenwood, Miss., pointed out that since the court term expired he cannot re-convene the jury that considered, without indicting, the kidnap charges against Milam and Bryant. The next court term is in May.

District Attorney Stanny Sanders said, "I have no comment. We have had no time to check the authenticity of the story."

State Attorney - General J. P. Coleman, who becomes governor of Mississippi next week, said "I haven't read the article and the suggestion of bringing the case back before a grand jury is a matter left to the discretion of the district attorney."

Coleman added, "I will point out that the people of Mississippi are not a race of Negro-killers. In 1954, the last year for which figures are available, six Negroes were killed by white persons in this state, eight white persons were killed by Negroes and 183 Negroes were killed by Negroes.

"The NAACP should be directing its efforts to getting members of its own race to stop killing each other."

MRS. MAMIE BRADLEY

Son No Braggart, Says Mrs. Bradley

Defender Sat. 1-21-56 P. 1

Chicago Ill.

"They lied about my child. 'Bo' would never brag about the women he had. How could he? He was only 14. He didn't know enough about that kind of thing to be bragging about the relationship."

That's what Mamie Bradley had to say this week about the article in Look magazine which Roy Bryant and J. W. Milam say they killed Emmitt Till because he bragged about having white women.

In her Chicago home, Mamie read the article carefully — "every word" — she says.

Then she tightened her lips into a thin line and bitterly commented "I don't see how much more I can stand, how I can go on. These terrible lies they tell to try and explain away killing a child in cold blood. They aren't human. They're beasts. And nobody does anything about them. — That woman (Mrs. Caroline Bryant)—I don't see how she can sleep at night."

Mamie Bradley continued, "I read that article and I said "Lord, how long do we have to stand for these things? They say the Lord gives you strength to endure and that He will take care all things in His time; but it seems awfully slow to me."

Reminiscing, she said, "Why only a few weeks before "Bo" went to Mississippi, he asked me for five dollars to take a little girl to the movies. I told him that was an awful lot of money for two youngsters — just for the show; but this was his first time to take a girl out and he wanted to make a good impression.

"As it turned out, the little girl paid her own show fare. When I kidded him about this, 'Bo' said 'Well, Mom, I spent for the bus fare and I bought the popcorn!'"

Turning back to the article, "Now that part where he was supposed to have bragged about his grandmother being a white woman. Well you've seen my mother, (Mrs. Alma Spears). You know she certainly is not white, so why should "Bo" brag about this? No, they haven't got any excuse. They just wanted to kill because he was a Negro and Negroes to them are just like dogs to be shot down."

Till Expose By Writer Shakes Dixie

Defender P. 1 Sat. 1-21-56

Chicago Ill.

JACKSON, Miss. — (INS) — Mississippi authorities suggested unofficially that Look magazine co-operate to bring before a grand jury the sources for an accefut headlined as the true story of the Emmett Till murder.

Novelist William Bradford Huie, who wrote the narrative account,

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Judge Refuses To Open Till Case On Basis Of Mag Article

...would have to call a special term of court in Leflore County in order to impanel a special grand jury on 20 days' notice, and my schedule is too full to permit that."

Jordan said there will be no court in Greenwood, Leflore County seat, until May, because he must first finish the circuit in Greenville, then in Humphreys, Sunflower and Holmes Counties before returning to Leflore.

Jordan's statement came in the midst of reports for a new hearing on the kidnap charges after William Bradford Huie published an article in a national magazine, Look, describing in detail the kidnaping and murder of Till.

Milam and Bryant were tried and acquitted on charges that they murdered the 14-year-old boy and threw the weighted body into the Tallahatchie River. Under Mississippi law, they can never be tried again for killing Till.

They can, however, be brought to trial on the kidnapping charge, if a grand jury would indict them. Jordan dashed possibilities of a new hearing in May.

"I have no control over a grand jury," he said. "I just empanel one, and they can investigate anything they want. But nobody will be tried anybody just on the basis of an article in a magazine.

"They will be up to their own discretion whether they want to take any case."

Jordan said a grand jury would have the power to call Huie before them to testify, but added that if the writer wanted to testify he could volunteer.

"It would still be up to the grand jury as to whether they want to go into the matter."

In another development, Gov. J. P. Coleman said in a radio broadcast that Milam and Bryant should have been convicted and electrocuted for Till's murder.

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An interesting aspect of Look's "expose" was the fact that most daily papers refused to report on it. The major wire services also left it alone.

Some few local radio newscasters reported the story and the reaction to it, but the major networks ignored it completely because of possible legal repercussions.

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Fri. 1-20-56

Kansas City

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Little Rock, Ark.

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The attorney, Johnie Whitten, said he is attempting "to find some way to file charges against the publication which has New York offices but prints in another location."

Milam denied reports that he had been given $10,000 by Look.

"If I've settled, then Look should be able to produce the cancelled check," he said.

Huie's story, which has been condensed and published in Reader's Digest, related how Emmett Till, a 14-year-old Chicago Negro boy, had been slain by Milam and Roy Bryant after the boy bragged of relations with white women.

The incident occurred after Till allegedly "grabbed" Mrs. Bryant, who was at work in her husband's store.

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Milam, Bryant Sign For Till Case Movie

Afro-American P.1 Sat. 1-28-56
Baltimore, Md.

NEW YORK—Roy Bryant and J. W. Milam are currently negotating the use of their names and characters in a movie on the brutal slaying of Emmett L. Till, according to a Mississippi producer.

27a Miss.

The producer, A. Lloyd Royal, president of Panorama Pictures, Meridian, Miss., said he was expecting to reach an agreement at an early date with the two white men who were acquitted of the killing of the Chicago lad.

Mr. Royal said:

"OUR ATTORNEYS are already negotiating with them down there and I don't anticipate any difficulty in having them sign. "We are going to call it 'The Emmett Till Story' and we intend to use true names and characters.

"We will have to dramatize it some, of course, but we should be ready to start shooting in the actual locale around Money and Sumner, Miss., in about four weeks."

MR. ROYAL, Mississippi theatre chain operator, was accompanied here by his associate, T. V. Garroway, Prentice, Miss., businessman and theatre operator, to sign a contract with William B. Huie to do the movie script.

Mrs. Mamie Till Bradley, mother of the slain 14-year-old Chicago youth, confirmed Mr. Royal's statement that he also had a signed release from her agreeing to the making of the film.

Mrs. Bradley said:

"I SIGNED THE contract around the first of the year and I have engaged a lawyer to advise me on all phases of the venture.

"My contract gives me the right to pass on the script and I will exercise that right vigorously to see that it gives a truthful portrayal."

Asserting that she will not permit her son to be portrayed as he is in the current Look Magazine in an article by Mr. Huie, which contains the alleged confession of the killing by Milam, Mrs. Bradley added:

"I know the kind of boy that Emmett was and he was nothing like he was pictured in that article. Those were Milam's words on how Emmett acted and I don't believe that part of his story, although I believe his confession.

"BUT EMMETT was no superman and saying that he took all that beating without begging for mercy or that he kept talking back to them to the very end just isn't true. They were only trying to justify why they did it."

Huie, who has already signed a contract with the New American Library to write a full length book expanding his expose of the case in Look Magazine, confirmed the fact that he will write the movie script for "The Emmett Till Story."

Saying he expected to get to work on it soon, he added that he thinks "it will make a fine picture." If Milam and Bryant don't sign agreements, he said, "we'll be willing to take the risks involved."

Neither Bryant nor Milam could be reached for comment at their homes in Glendora and Money, Miss., respectively.

Film to Tell Of Lynching

Herald
Fri. 1-20-56

NEW YORK —(AP)— The New York Post says a film company is negotiating with the two Mississippi men acquitted of killing Emmett Till, Negro youth, for use of their names in a motion picture dealing with the case.

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Royal said he already had a signed release from Mamie Bradley, of Chicago, the boy's mother, to make the film, to be known as "The Emmett Till Story."

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THE SHOCKING STORY OF "APPROVED KILLINGS IN MISSISSIPPI."

No Others Implicated, He Says In Magazine Expose

Defender Sat. 1-14-56 p. 1
Chicago, Ill.

William Bradford Huie, Pulitzer prize winning newspaper man and author, confirmed this week, in a published article, what most of the world has believed since early September of last year — that J. W. Milam and Roy Bryant killed 14-year-old Emmett Till of Chicago.

Huie, who has done some spectacular reporting in other cases involving crimes against Negroes, made the charges this week in an article appearing in Look magazine.

It is based on investigations made by Huie who interrogated the two men who were formally charged with the crime but acquitted at a trial held last September in Sumner, Miss.

WOLF WHISTLE

Till reportedly "wolf-whistled" at Bryant's wife, Carolyn.

Huie states in his article that Till entered Bryant's grocery store and asked Mrs. Bryant, "How about a date, baby?"

When Bryant found out about the incident, according to Huie, he and Milam went after Till.

Huie said the two originally intended to merely scare Till, but when the boy refused to scare, the pair decided to kill him.

Here is what Huie has to say about this:

"Bobo wasn't afraid of them! He was tough as they were. He didn't think they had the guts to kill him."

CAN'T SCARE TILL

Huie quoted Milam as saying, "We never were able to scare him. They had just filled him so full of that poison he was hopeless."

The pair then proceeded to pistol whip Till, Huie said.

"But under these blows Bobo never hollored," Huie asserted. "He kept making the perfect speeches to insure martyrdom."

When Till refused to bend before the white men, they decided to kill him, the article states.

Milam then ordered Till to remove his clothing. Huie quotes him as thinking Till is thought he was "still as good as I am."

Bobo reportedly replied, "yeah."

.45 SPOUTS DEATH

"That big .45 jumped in Big Milam's hand", Huie said. "The youth turned to catch that big expanding bullet at his right ear. He dropped.

"He and Bryant then barb-wired a 74-pound gin fan, which Till had carried to the river's shore at their order, to the boy's neck and rolled him into 20 feet of water.

"For three hours on the morning of the killing, (Sunday, Aug. 28) there was fire in Milam's back yard. Bobo's crepe-soled shoes were hard to burn."

Milam Denies Look Story

Advocate
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Money, Miss., Jan. 9.—J. W. Milam has denied the story regarding the Till slaying which appears in the current issue of Look Maga-

zine.

According to reports, in denying the story Monday, Milam told newsmen that he had not seen a copy of the magazine, but as soon as he got one he would turn it over to his lawyer for a possible damage suit against the magazine.

Pair Denies Till Article In Magazine

Daily World
Fri. 1-13-56
p. 1

According to an article in the Jackson (Miss.) Daily News, Roy Bryant and J. W. Milam, defendants in the famous Emmett Till "wolf whistle" murder trial, are sue Look magazine for an article in this week's Look by William Bradford Huie.

Atlanta Ga.

Huie's article, described as the "real story" of the Emmett Till killing, has numerous quotes directly attributed to the two half brothers.

Both Bryant and Milam said the first they knew of the article was on Monday when the story was read to them by a Daily News reporter.

"If they (Look magazine) said said anything like that they are ing. His (the author's) imagination may cost him like hell," the newspaper quotes Milam and Bryant with the comment. "Liable to be a good lawsuit."

However, according to reports one national Negro weekly, the two half brothers were allegedly paid $10,000 for their "confessions."

In Washington Thursday Rep.

Charles C. Diggs, Jr. (D) Mich. said that the story in Look Magazine contains information about the Emmett Till slaying which came directly from the killers themselves.

The Negro Legislator made the statement in a brief House speech during which he inserted in the Congressional Record the entire article appearing in the current Jan. 24 issue of Look Magazine. The article is entitled "The Shocking Story of Approved Killing in Mississippi."

Look Publishes Strange Tale On Murder Of Till

Post
Fri. 1-13-56
p. 2

New York, Jan. 9—Emmett (Bobo) Till's bragging that he "had relations with white women," and his bravado in the face of a whipping by the half-brothers, J. W. Milam and Roy Bryant, led to his killing, statements attributed to the two men indicated today.

The true facts about the killing of the 14-year-old Negro boy in Mississippi by Milan and Bryant came to light today in an article by William Bradford Huie, published in the new issue of Look Magazine. Both men were found not guilty of murdering Till by a Sumner, Mississippi jury last September.

Nashville, Tenn

Before shooting Till with a bullet from his .45 Colt automatic pistol, J. W. Milam was quoted as saying, "Chicago boy, I'm tired of 'em sending your kind down here to stir up trouble. Goddam you, I'm going to make an example of you—just so everybody can know Mississippi by Milam and Bryant Look article reported.

Milam defended the killing with the statement, reported in the Look article, "We never were able to scare him. They had just filled him so full of that poison he was hopeless."

Milam and his half-brother Roy Bryant originally intended to "just Whip Till and scare some sense into him," the statement said in Look. They decided to kill him after the Negro youth kept insisting, "I'm not afraid of you. I'm as good as you are. I've 'had' white women. My grandmother was a white woman."

The following account of the Till killing was given in the Look article:

First, the two men beat the Negro boy, smashing him across the head with two .45 Colt pistols in Milam's tool house behind his home.

Then, they drove the boy to the Tallahatchie River. At the river's edge, Milan asked Till, "You still as good as I am?" Till said, "Yeah."

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He and his half-brother Roy then barb-wired a 74-pound gin fan, which Till had carried to the river's shore at their order, to the boy's neck and rolled him into 20 feet of water, the Look article said.

For three hours on the morning of the killing (Sunday, August 28), there was a fire in Milam's back yard. "Bobo's crepe-soled shoes were hard to burn," the Look article said.

Bobo

The article also disclosed the following facts which led to Till's killing:

1. Young Emmett Till accosted Roy Bryant's wife Carolyn inside the Bryant store at Money, Miss. His actions came after he had been challenged by a cousin to make good his boast that he had success with white girls in Chicago.

2. Till "squeezed Carolyn's hand and said, 'How about a date, Baby?" when she handed him 2 cents' worth of bubble gum, the Look story said. As Carolyn ran to the back of the store, young Till jumped in front of her, perhaps caught her at the waist and said, "You needn't be afraid o' me, Baby. I been with white girls before."

3. At this point, a cousin of Till ran in, grabbed him and pulled him out of the store. Outside with Till being ushered off by his cousins, he executed the "wolf whistle" which gave the case its name.

Milam Killed Everett Till, Says Magazine Writer

Post + Times Herald
Sat. 1-14-56 United

Rep. Charles C. Diggs, Jr. (D-Mich.) placed in the Congressional Record yesterday a magazine article stating flatly that J. W. Milam murdered a 14-yearold Negro boy in Mississippi last August. P. 3

Milam, 36, and his 24-year-old half-brother, Roy Bryant, were acquitted of the murder of Emmett Till, the young Chicagoan, after a sensational trial.

At Jackson, Miss., Milam promptly denied killing the Till boy. He told reporters he never has talked with any representatives of Look Magazine, which published the article. He said he plans to "talk to my lawyer" about filing a libel suit.

Washington Post 1-14-56

Claims Milan Fired Shot

Look Magazine, in an article copyrighted by author-lecturer William Bradford Huie, said Milam fired the shot that killed Till. It said Milam and Bryant originally had intended to "scare some sense" into Till after the young Negro had "wolf whistled" at Bryant's wife, Carolyn, in a small grocery in Sumner, Miss., last Aug. 24.

The article said Milam shot and killed Till with a .45 caliber pistol after the boy taunted him about being "as good" as white men and having "had white women." The boy's body was found seven days later in the Tallahatchie River.

Diggs, one of three Negro House members, told the House yesterday "there is no doubt in my mind" that the information for the article "came directly from the killers themselves, J. W. Milam and Roy Bryant." Look Magazine gave no source for the extensive quotations.

Diggs said the article proves "there was a tremendous miscarriage of justice in the infamous case of Emmett Till . . .

"Negroes must be guaranteed the right to vote without interference, intimidation, or unwarranted restrictions," he said, "so they may qualify to serve on juries and exercise influence in the election of fair-minded public officials."

Publication of the article brought immediate reactions. Gov.-Elect J. P. Coleman denied a Look statement that he said Milam and Bryant "both should have been convicted and electrocuted."

Huie refused to reveal the sources of his article because of the possible "danger involved." But he said he talked with "all important sources in Mississippi" before writing the story.

John F. Harding, vice president of Look, repeated the Magazine's confidence in the accuracy of what it described as the first "true story" of the sensational slaying.

Judge Arthur Jordan of Greenwood, Miss., said it still is possible to indict Milam and Bryant for kidnaping in LeFlore County. He said no grand jury would indict the men on the basis of a magazine article but it "might carry some weight" if Huie came to Mississippi to testify.

Throughout their trial, Milam and Bryant insisted they had taken Till away from his great-uncle's home merely to scare him and had freed him unharmed.

But Look Magazine said Till remained defiant in the face of threats by the two men and Milam finally became so infuriated that he shot the youngster.

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ROY BRYANT

J. W. MILAM

Milam, Bryant Refute Article In Look Magazine

Post + Times Herald Birmingham, Ala.

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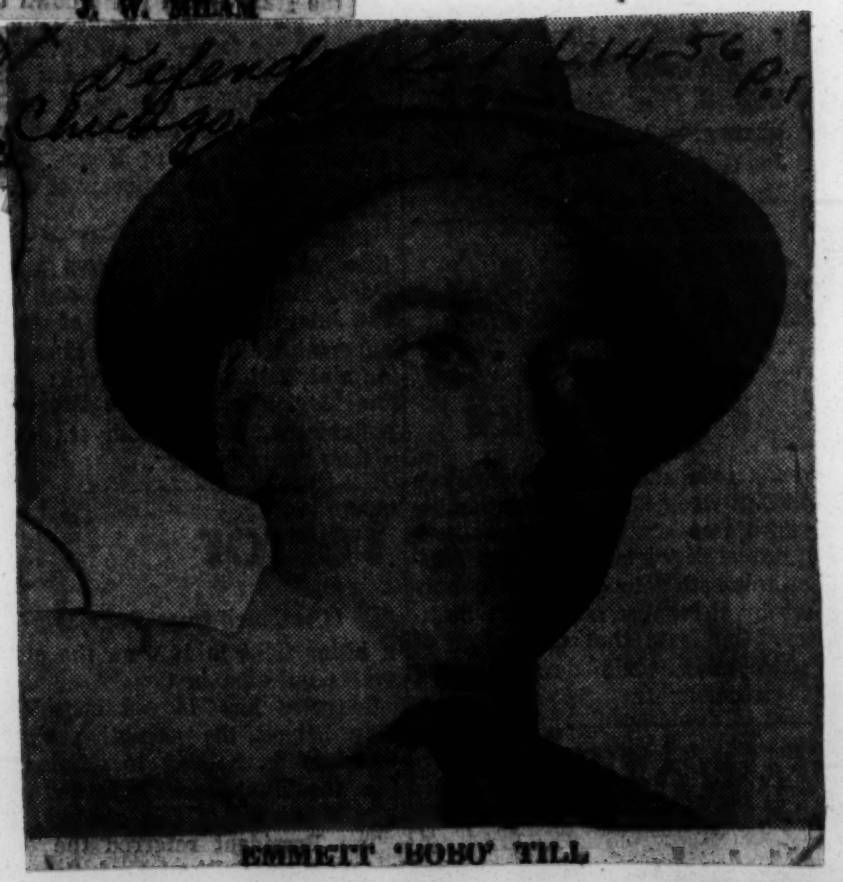

EMMETT 'BOBO' TILL

Will Prove the Facts

'I Told the Truth,' Huie Tells Courier

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Author William Bradford Huie told The Courier this week that "every sentence of my Look magazine article is a fact and I stand behind every word of it," in answering a mounting chorus of criticism against his expose of the facts in the Till murder case.

Huie's writings fingered J. W. Milam as the slayer of 14-year-old Emmett Till and also named Roy Bryant, Milam's half-brother, as having joined in the "pistol-whipping" of the Chicago boy which preceded the latter's murder.

Pittsburgh, Pa.

Questioned at his home in Alabama, Huie asserted that his article was the truth.

LOOK'S MANAGING editor, William B. Arthur, stated the magazine's position. Mr. Arthur declared, "Look has published the Till article only after being completely satisfied as to its accuracy. Its publishers are prepared to prove the facts in the unlikely event the magazine is sued."

Events moved swiftly shortly after the Look article hit the nation's newsstands.

In Mississippi, Judge Arthur Jordon of Leflore County revealed that the Look article would have no effect in his bailiwick. The jurist said that no special grand jury would be called to reopen "kidnap charges" against Milam and Bryant.

Judge Jordon stated further, "I would have to call a special term of court in Leflore County in order to empanel a special grand jury on twenty days notice and my schedule is too full to permit that.

"There will be no court in Greenwood until next May."

The judge said he had read Huie's Look article, but noted that he had no authority with which to reopen the investigation.

He said, ". . . no grand jury will indict anybody just on the basis of a magazine article."

IN NEW YORK, NAACP Executive Secretary Roy Wilkins contacted Mississippi's new Governor J. P. Coleman and urged him to convene the LeFlore County grand jury. Gov. Coleman, at the time of the Till case, was Mississippi's' Attorney General.

Mr. Wilkins said, "The whole nation is horrified and stands humiliated in the eyes of the civilized world that these vicious men should walk free and unashamed while boasting of their depravity.

"If nothing is done to make them pay for at least one of their crimes, not only is Mississippi disgraced but our country will be held up for international ridicule."

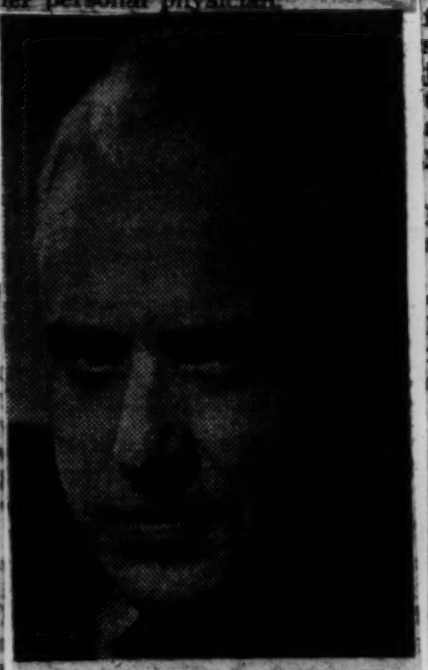
IN WASHINGTON, D. C., the Look article hit the Congressional chambers with impact through a speech delivered in the House of Representatives by Rep. Charles Diggs Jr. of Detroit.

Diggs claimed that "there is no doubt that the information (in the Look article) came directly from the killers themselves, J. W. Milam and Roy Bryant. Safe within the legal confines of immunity from another trial by the very Constitution which they and others of their breed have challenged, these men apparently grasped at the opportunity of selling this exclusive story for an undoubtedly handsome financial award.

"Their revolting attempt to justify the murder of the Till boy by emphasizing his alleged 'familiarity' with Mrs. Milam and other white women is the product of incurably prejudiced minds."

THE AUTHOR of the Look article, Mr. Huie, came into national prominence several years ago when he wrote a series of articles for the Courier exposing the facts in the infamous Ruby McCollum case in Florida.

Mrs. McCollum was imprisoned for the slaying of a Florida legislator who allegedly fathered a child by her while acting as her personal physician.



WILLIAM B. HUIE
. . . stirred up hornet's nest

Look Says:

'Milam Killed Emmett'

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And Mississippi Man Hasn't Denied 'Facts' Presented In Huie's Article

Pittsburgh, Pa.

(Special to The Courier)

MINTER CITY, Miss.—Mississippians were astir again this week over the Emmett Till case as the current issue of Look Magazine, with its "true facts" story by William Bradford Huie circulated widely.

Speaking in an interview here, with nonchalance and an occasional touch of pride, J. W. Milam, who with Roy Bryant were freed of murder charges in the slaying by a Tallahatchie County jury last September, said he had turned over possible libel action against Look to his lawyer, young John Whitten of Sumner.

"I really don't know whether I've got grounds for a damage suit," he admitted.

"That guy what wrote it was careful not to say where he got his information and he didn't really quote me, directly. He just said what he thought happened."

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MILAM DID NOT deny the "facts" presented but did say Huie was "a stranger" and that he did "not knowingly" discuss the case with Huie at any time.

"I'll say one thing for the article," he grinned. "It was written from a Mississippi viewpoint. I've gotten a lot of letters from people commending me for what Look said I did." He pulled out fourteen of "today's batch."

Asked if he received any money for the article, as Congressman Diggs indicated, he said, "Boy, If I did, I haven't seen any of the money. But, if I find that I can't sue them, I'd sure take some of that money I'm supposed to have gotten."

He said he received two offers from movie companies for rights to his story and he had turned them over to his lawyer. He added that "I think the case will get publicity for at least five more years."

MEANWHILE, another squabble broke out concerning the case with Governor J. P. Coleman as one of the principals.

Coleman denied a news release to the effect that he, in a tape-recorded interview with radio newsman Dick Smith of Houston, Tex., said that both Milam and Roy Bryant "should have been convicted and electrocuted."

Coleman said, "In the first place we don't electrocute in Mississippi—we have a gas chamber. In the second place I would never comment on a jury verdict on a case where I had not heard the evidence."

Coleman said other quotes that he had blamed the NAACP and Congressman Diggs for the outcome of the Till trial were "inaccurate."

He said he has talked with Smith and had given permission for some things to be quoted, but that if Smith had recorded the conversation he did it illegally, since he was not told about it in advance and because he did not hear the intermittent "bleeps" required for such a recording by the FCC.

REPLIED SMITH: "I don't know whether Coleman is mad at the truth or the way I got the truth. I just went in the back door and got a news story. I called him at the Edwards Hotel in Jackson and I was lucky.

"I talked to him about thirty minutes and got it on tape. I don't think I need a defense. I think he does. He made the statement."

Coleman will not be finished with the race question soon. In his inauguration speech last week he gave his views on how to preserve segregation, and in a running debate with Senator James O. Eastland, he is opposing the "nullification" plans of the Citizens Council, which would have Mississippi declare the Supreme Court rulings "null and void" and to serve notice this state would not comply with them.

LOOK MAGAZINE ARTICIE PUT INTO CONGRESSIONAL RECORD

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Magazine's Account Of Till Murder Goes Into Congressional Record

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Houston, Texas

WASHINGTON, D. C. — (NNPA) — Representative Charles C. Diggs, Jr, Democrat of Michigan, Thursday put into the Congressional Record a Look Magazine article purporting to give the true facts about the murder of 14year-old Emmett (Bobo) Till by two Mississippi white men.

Both men, J. W. Milam and Roy Bryant, half-brothers, were found not guilty of murdering Till by a Sumner, Miss. jury last September.

According to the Look article written by William Bradford Huie, the two half-brothers abducted the boy from his bed during the night, pistol-whipped him, and drove him to the spot where Milam shot him with a bullet from his .45 Colt automatic.

In remarks published in the Record, Diggs said there is no doubt in his mind that the information on which the article is based "came directly from the killers themselves."

Since they cannot be tried a second time for Till's murder, Diggs said, "there men apparently grasped at the opportunity of selling their exclusive story for an undoubtedly handsome financial reward."

The Look article, Diggs asserted, "graphically illustrates the immediate need for corrective legislation by the Congress of the United States." He urged federal guaranty of the right to vote "without interference, intimidation, or unwarranted restriction; so that they (colored people) may qualify to serve on juries and exercise influence in the election of fair-minded public officials."

"Armed with this weapon, considering their numerical strength in Mississippi, many problems which confront them could probably be resolved on a local level, which is not inconsistent with the position of those who support the theory of states' rights."

Mr Diggs also urged that the Attorney General be given authority to intervene in cases where a state refuses to, afford equal protection of the law to all citizens.

Houston Tex.

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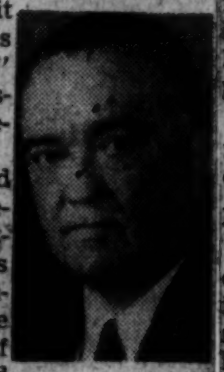
27a 1956 MISSISSIPPI FBI DIRECTOR J. EDGAR HOOVER
DR. T.R.M. HOWARD 9047

Hoover Demands Negro Retract Rap at Till Probe

Constitution
Thurs, 1-19-56 P. 2

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Jan. 18 (AP)—FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover accused a Negro civil rights leader of making "false and baseless" charges against the FBI for its handling of Negro slayings in Mississippi.

In a letter released by the FBI office here, Hoover called on Dr. T. R. M. Howard of Mound Bayou, Miss., to submit evidence of his "irresponsible" charges or "issue a public retraction."



Hoover

Hoover said Howard's statement as reported by the press of the FBI's investigative role in the deaths of Emmett Till and two other Negroes "reflect a complete disregard for the facts on your part."

TWO STORIES CITED

"You as an American citizen, have every right to express yourself as you see fit," Hoover said in his letter. "However, I do not feel you have any right whatsoever to be wrong in your facts, particularly when they are used in public statements concerning serious matters."

The FBI director cited two specific stories.

Hoover said the Baltimore Morning Sun last Sept. 26 carried a news story headlined "Probe of South's FBI Agents Asked." He said the story quoted Howard as telling a Negro organization "we must find out why Southern investigators of the FBI can't seem to solve a crime where a Negro is involved." He said Howard was referring to the slayings of Till, the Rev. George Lee and Lamar Smith.

Hoover pointed out that it is the FBI's duty merely to investigate alleged civil rights violations and submit its findings to the criminal division of the Justice Department. "The FBI is not a policy-making organization," he said.

Hoover also referred to a story in the Chicago American on Dec. 28, 1955 in which Howard was quoted as saying "confidential information usually leaks from the local FBI offices and witnesses in Negro slayings are subjected to pressures as a result."

Hoover said, "from the information available to me, I know of no such incident."

PAST WORK IN SOUTH

Hoover said the FBI "is doing everything within the scope of existing legislation in civil rights matters, and our fair and prompt investigations have done much to increase public respect for and consciousness of civil rights.

"You seem to have conveniently forgotten the work of this bureau which was largely responsible for the virtual elimination of lynchings in the South and also was mainly responsible for breaking up of the Ku Klux Klan in the Carolinas and Georgia."

FBI CHIEF'S LETTER GETS HOWARD REPLY

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Negro Says He'll Continue Fight For Justice

Memphis, Tenn.

WRITES FROM COAST

Sat. 1-21-56

(Special to The Commercial Appeal)

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 20.—Dr. T. R. M. Howard, Negro leader of Mound Bayou, Miss., Thursday night struck back at J. Edgar Hoover, who had challenged Howard's "intemperate and baseless" charges against the FBI.

Dr. Howard declared he will continue "to cry out against injustice" in a letter to Mr. Hoover, director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. He released copies of the letter to the press.

Answer To Letter

The Mound Bayou physician said the letter was in reply to a letter from Mr. Hoover, contents of which were revealed Wednesday.

The Mississippian said the letter from Mr. Hoover was not received at his Mound Bayou home until "full 12 hours" after he was notified of the letter by newspapers.

"I can only presume that you released the letter prior to the time it could possibly have reached me and that you wanted the whole matter to become an issue in the area of public controversy. I shall, therefore, follow your example and release this letter to the newspapers.

"The crux of your complaint as I gather it, is that I have made 'false and irresponsible charges' against the FBI in connection with the murders of George W. Lee, Lamar Smith and Emmett Till, all of whom were killed in Mississippi during 1955," Dr. Howard wrote.

Says Facts Known

"I am sure that you will understand that these murders, all of which have gone unpunished, have excited genuine concern on the part of millions of Americans . . .

"I know, and I am sure that FBI agents know that the facts in the George Lee and Lamar Smith murders are widely known in the communities in which they were murdered."

(Lee, a Belzoni Negro minister, was fatally shot May 7, 1955. Smith, of Brookhaven, was shot in downtown Brookhaven Aug. 13. And a body, identified as that of 14-year-old Emmett Till of Chicago, was found in the Tallahatchie River near Sumner last August. Two white men, Roy Bryant and J. W. Milam, were tried and acquitted of slaying Till. There have been no indictments in the other two cases).

Dr. Howard said his criticism of the "failure of justice in these cases is a reflection of the feelings of many thousands of persons to whom I have spoken and with whom I have talked in the past few months." He continued:

"As I understand your concept of law in these matters, your bureau is required only to make investigations at the request of the Department of Justice. After you have made these investigations, upon request, you lay the facts before the Department of Justice which then determines whether or not prosecution will be undertaken or further investigations will be made.

Letter Continues

"It seems reasonable to suppose that the Department of Justice must depend, for a final judgment as to whether or not prosecution will be undertaken, on the facts as reported by your bureau.

"You say that such investigations were made in the George Lee case. I do not know, of course, the extent of your investigation. I do not know whether or not you determined that this was merely a murder case, falling within the province of the State of Mississippi or whether you determined it was part of a widespread conspiracy reaching across state lines that might have brought him within the purview of Federal Civil Rights statutes.

"What I do know is that a Negro citizen who sought to vote was murdered and that both state and Federal Governments have declined to take any action. I do not know upon what grounds the Department of Justice declined jurisdiction."

Dr. Howard said he sent a telegram to the Department of Justice asking for a conference on the Mississippi deaths and received an answer four weeks later stating that such a conference would be arranged. No date was set for the proposed meeting, he said.

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Charge Repeated

Dr. Howard also said, "Whether . . . the reason lies in the inadequacy of Federal statutes, or restrictive interpretation of such statutes by the Department of Justice or the failure of FBI investigative machinery, the fact remains that the FBI cannot seem to solve a crime where a Negro is murdered by a white man in Mississippi.

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The Negro physician also took issue with Mr. Hoover's assertion that the FBI was, in large part, responsible for virtual elimination of lynching in the South and breaking up the Ku Klux Klan in the Carolinas and Georgia.

Dr. Howard contended that these matters were accomplished by action of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and aroused public opinion.

"I cannot recall a prosecution of lynching, as such, by the Federal Government and I suppose that such prosecution would be undertaken only after investigation by the bureau," he said. "I also understand that there is no Federal anti-lynching statute and that prosecution of lynching, as such, is a matter for the states.

"In view of that fact, I do not understand how the FBI was able to take effective action to 'virtually eliminate' lynching in the light of your statement that the Department of Justice can act only when Federal statutes have been violated.

"If the Federal Government was able to act in the area of lynching, in the absence of a Federal anti-lynching statute, is it possible to undertake similar action in cases such as the George Lee, Lamar Smith and Emmett Till cases in light of a similar claimed lack of applicable Federal statutes?"

Dr. Howard also said he was mailing to the FBI director "a statement of facts" concerning a certain case which would not be revealed to the press.

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"If the Federal Government was able to act in the area of lynching, in the absence of a Federal anti-lynching statute, is it possible to undertake similar action in cases such as the George Lee, Lamar Smith and Emmett Till cases in light of a similar claimed lack of applicable Federal statutes?"

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Dr. Howard said his criticism of the "failure of justice in these cases is a reflection of the feelings of many thousands of persons to whom I have spoken and with whom I have talked in the past few months." He continued:

"As I understand your concept of law in these matters, your bureau is required only to make investigations at the request of the Department of Justice. After you have made these investigations, upon request, you lay the facts before the Department of Justice which then determines whether or not prosecution will be undertaken or further investigations will be made.

Letter Continues

"It seems reasonable to suppose that the Department of Justice must depend, for a final judgment as to whether or not prosecution will be undertaken, on the facts as reported by your bureau.

"You say that such investigations were made in the George Lee case. I do not know, of course, the extent of your investigation. I do not know whether or not you determined that this was merely a murder case, falling within the province of the State of Mississippi or whether you determined it was part of a widespread conspiracy reaching across state lines that might have brought him within the purview of Federal Civil Rights statutes.

"What I do know is that a Negro citizen who sought to vote was murdered and that both state and Federal Governments have declined to take any action. I do not know upon what grounds the Department of Justice declined jurisdiction."

Dr. Howard said he sent a telegram to the Department of Justice asking for a conference on the Mississippi deaths and received an answer four weeks later stating that such a conference would be arranged. No date was set for the proposed meeting, he said.

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Charge Repeated

Dr. Howard also said, "Whether . . . the reason lies in the inadequacy of Federal statutes, or restrictive interpretation of such statutes by the Department of Justice or the failure of FBI investigative machinery, the fact remains that the FBI cannot seem to solve a crime where a Negro is murdered by a white man in Mississippi.

"I have the impression that in many instances the FBI has conducted investigations and found facts which were then given to state authorities for prosecution of the wrongdoers," Dr. Howard wrote.

The Negro physician also took issue with Mr. Hoover's assertion that the FBI was, in large part, responsible for virtual elimination of lynching in the South and breaking up the Ku Klux Klan in the Carolinas and Georgia.

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Hoover's letter was released by the Memphis FBI office. Howard, who said he is visiting his family here, wrote in his reply that Hoover's letter reached his Mound Bayou, Miss., home "a full 12 hours" after his first call from newspapers asking comment.

"I can only presume that you released the letter prior to the time it could possibly have reached me and that you wanted the whole matter to become an issue in the area of public controversy," Howard wrote.

Dr. Howard wrote that he has talked with "many thousands of persons" in the past few months and:

"They are as dismayed as I am that murders can be committed in the United States and that murderers can escape indictment, as in the George Lee and Lamar Smith cases, or win acquittal as in the Emmett Till Case.

Howard Again Challenges FBI in Killing of Negroes

Post and Times Herald
Washington D.C.
Sat. 1-21-56 P. 25

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 20 (AP)—Negro leader Dr. T. R. M. Howard has reiterated in reply to FBI Chief J. Edgar Hoover: "The fact remains that 'the FBI cannot seem to solve a crime where a Negro is murdered by a white man in Mississippi.'"

The president of the National Medical Association repeated yesterday in a letter to the FBI Director the statement which he said he had made in a Baltimore speech.

Hoover had accused Howard president of the Mississippi Regional Council of Negro Leadership, of "false and irresponsible" charges against

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ALABAMA

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Negro Man Jailed In Centre Assault

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CENTRE, Ala., Dec. 10 (AP) — A prominent Centre woman was raped by a Negro man who broke into her home before dawn yesterday, County Solicitor Jack Livingston said today.

Montgomery, Ala.

The solicitor said Willie Clayton Wright, 24, who lived a short distance away, was identified by the woman as her attacker, and charged with the criminal assault.

Wright was removed to the Gadsden jail for safekeeping.

Livingston said that the woman recognized Wright as her attacker and called former Sheriff Mack Garrett, who went to the man's home and took him in custody.

Doctors said an examination showed that the woman had been assaulted. Her name was withheld.

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FOUR FACE CHARGES OF MURDER-ROBBERY

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Negroes In Hidden Jail For Safety In Arkansas

TEXARKANA, (Ark.), May 16.—(AP)—Four Negroes held in a robbery-murder that netted $9 have been taken to an undisclosed jail for safe keeping, said Sheriff W. E. Davis Wednesday.

The sheriff said the four Negroes, arrested Tuesday, faced charges of murder and robbery.

Sheriff Davis said the four Negroes admitted beating M. R. Hamm, a white man, and robbing him of $9. Hamm was last seen alive when he paid an electric bill at Texarkana last week. His body was found near a gravel road five miles east of here.

The sheriff identified the Negroes as James Boyd, 19, and Rogers Boone, 24, of the Mandeville Community, and James Moore and W. H. Byrd of Moore's Chapel Community near here.

They admitted the slaying and the robbery, the sheriff said, after they were picked up for questioning in another robbery and beating.

A watch and $1 were taken from T. B. Fenwick, 65, of Hope, in a similar attack Tuesday. Sheriff Davis quoted the Negroes as saying they beat Fenwick with a hammer and fled when they saw someone approaching. The attack took place on a gravel road eight miles north of here.

Mr. Fenwick, injured only slightly, returned to Hope after medical treatment.

Sheriff Davis said two of the Negroes led him to Hamm's body.

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FLORIDA

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FBI Places Kidnap Victim In Prison For Safekeeping

Informer Houston, Tex
Sat. 11-17-56

WILDWOOD, Fla (NNPA)- Jesse Woods, 39-year old farm hand feared to have been lynched after he was kidnapped from the tiny jail here on the night of Oct 27-- was returned to Florida from Alabama Sunday night and lodged in the state prison at Raiford for safekeeping.

Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation found Woods alive at Andalusia, Ala, last Saturday. The FBI said Mr Woods, who had been severly flogged by a group of white men, said he was in "good condition."

Don McLeod, director of the Florida Sheriffs Bureau, said Mr Woods was driven by automobile from Andalusia in the custody of Florida officers. Authorities had to obtain a court order to have the prison admit him.

McLeod quoted Mr Woods as having said two or three white men broke into the Wildwood city jail Oct 27, hit him on the head with a flashlight and took him to a wooded area and beat him before turning him loose.

Mr Woods had been staying at the home of the Rev E J Mashburn, 69-year old preacher. The minister said Mr Woods had arrived on Nov. 1 .

Mr Woods vanished from the city jail here on Oct. 28. He had gone to the jail for his own protection after being arrested on the night of Oct. 27 for saying, "Hey there, honey" to a white school teacher.

The jail was unguarded at the time Mr Woods was abducted between midnight and 1 a m. A night police officer found that a padlock had been ripped from the jail's front door. Inside a bunk had been overturned and spots of blood were found on the floor and on a mattress.

Investigators said the white men had flogged him severely at a deserted lake-side spot, five miles from Wildwood.

Two white men have been arrested on charges of kidnapping Mr Woods. They are George (Georgia Boy) Altman, 25, a butcher; and Jack L Sands

McLeod said Altman has confessed that he was along when Mr Woods was flogged but denied taking part in the kidnapping.

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Mob Threatens, Prisoner Moved

Sat. 12-1-56

MOUNT VERNON, Ga., Nov. 30 (AP) — A Negro ex-convict arrested in the knifing of a white housewife during a $4 robbery was held at an undisclosed jail Thursday after being threatened by an armed crowd.

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hours after police reported Mrs. Claude McRae, mother of four young children, was slashed with a knife during a $4 robbery at her home. She was treated at a Vidalia hospital and released yesterday.

The sheriff said Jackson probably would be tried at the February term of court.

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Jackson was arrested at his home 5 miles from this town in East Central Georgia and charged with assault with intent to murder. The sheriff said he previously had served time for burglary and breaking and entering.

The arrest was made a few

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Georgia Law Officers Prevent a Mob Murder

Prompt action on the part of a group of Georgia law enforcement officers undoubtedly averted a lynching in Montgomery County.

The terror and disgrace of mob rule was avoided when Montgomery Sheriff W. Claude Sharpe and his deputy Leroy Fountain were joined by Wheeler County Sheriff Morris Johnson and men from the Georgia Bureau of Investigation and the State Patrol in removing a Negro from the mob threatened Mt. Vernon jail.

The Negro was suspected of slashing the throat of a white woman when she surprised him in the act of robbing her home.

The sheriff reported that while the crowd was orderly, some members had guns and a few were demanding that the Negro be turned over to them.

"It just takes a few to stir up a mob," Sheriff Sharpe said.

The officers involved showed the kind of courage and devotion to duty that deserves the highest commendation. Too often, in situations of this kind, those who have sworn to enforce the law turn their backs out of fear for their own personal safety or because they lack the moral courage to live up to their oaths of office.

This splendid action on the part of the good people and law officers of the Montgomery and Wheeler County area will help balance the unfavorable publicity periodically inflicted on Georgia by some of its irresponsible, race baiting demagogues.

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NEW YORK

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L. I. Cops in Race To Avert Lynching

Special to World-Telegram and Sun.

BRIDGEHAMPTON, L. I., April 23.—Police and a civilian posse vowing to enact lynch law justice today searched woods near here for a man who allegedly murdered 35-year-old farm worker Lee McLee.

Object of the manhunt begun yesterday is Gurnie Adam Avents, 35. Police said he stabbed Mr. McLee to death with a butcher knife and fled after they quarreled over a woman.

Ten of the dead man's friends immediately formed a posse and set out after Avents. They told police they will lynch him if they catch him. The search is concentrated in a wooded area bordering this Suffolk County farming community.

Eight roadblocks, set up yesterday, were still in operation and every available state trooper in the county has been called in on the hunt. The slain man lived on Narrow Lane and had worked on farms in the area for the past 12 years.

Jury sentences caddy to chair in attack case

Samuel Taylor, 22-year-old former caddy, was sentenced today to death in Alabama's electric chair for the midnight rape of a young secretary.

A Circuit Court jury, which had deliberated about five and one-half hours, brought in the death verdict at 10:15 a.m.

CIRCUIT JUDGE ALTA L. KING passed sentence a short time later, fixing June 1 as the date of Taylor's execution. The Alabama Supreme Court will first automatically review his conviction.

Taylor, who lived in Airport Highlands, was one of three Negroes accused of raping the 19-year-old Inglenook secretary just a month ago.

She and her boy friend, a University of Alabama student, were parked in a Negro section between Huffman and Tarrant when attacked.

The case was prosecuted by Deputy Solicitor Cecil Deason.

WITH HIS HANDS handcuffed in front of him, Taylor stood before his court-appointed attorneys as Judge King passed sentence. Taylor showed no emotion.

Asked if there was any reason he should not be sentenced, Taylor replied, "Yes, because I told them to leave the girl alone."

"You have forfeited your right to live," Judge King told him.

The two other defendants, to be tried probably next week, were also caddies.

They are Thomas Black, 17, and Mark Spruce, 16, both of Airport Highlands.

TAYLOR WAS PLACED at the attack scene by a Negro youth who said he was with the accused trio when they attacked the couple's parked car. The couple jumped out and tried to escape after the the youths broke out a rear window.

The girl said she was raped by two of the group and the boy said he was robbed of about $20.

When attacked, the couple were on their way home from a Homewood night club.

High court to hear Ala. attack case

WASHINGTON — The U. S. Supreme Court agreed last Monday to review the case of William Earl Fikes who had been sentenced to die in Alabama for alleged burglary with intent to rape.

The prisoner, now in Alabama State penitentiary, was sentenced to death in June 1953.

His conviction followed the reported unsuccessful attempt by an unknown intruder to enter the home of the daughter of the mayor of Selma, Ala.

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THE CONVICTION, which was upheld by the Alabama Supreme Court, was based on two alleged confessions which, according to Fikes' lawyers, were extorted from him.

The prisoner is being defended by attorneys for the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund. The attorneys are:

Peter A. Hall and Orzell Billingsley Jr., of Birmingham and Jack Greenberg of the Legal Defense staff in New York.

They had previously asked that the grand jury indictment be quashed because of the exclusion of colored persons from the grand jury.

During the trial Fikes' accuser did not identify him as the intruder nor was he allowed to repudiate the contention that his confession was voluntary.

NEGRO RAPIST TO DIE IN ELECTRIC CHAIR

Birmingham Judge Dooms Secretary's Attacker

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., April 26. —(UP)—A 22-year-old Negro was sentenced to die in the electric chair Thursday for the rape of a young white secretary.

A Circuit Court jury handed down the sentence against Samuel Taylor after five hours deliberation. Judge Alta L. King set June 1 as the day of execution.

Taylor was one of three young Negroes charged with assaulting the young woman and her male companion when they found them in a parked car. The other two Negroes will be tried next month.

Handcuffed, Taylor stood before the judge as he handed down the sentence. Asked if there were any reason why he should not be sentenced, Taylor replied without emotion:

"Yes, because I told them to leave her alone."

Replied the judge, "You have forfeited your right to live."

Taylor is a former caddy as are the other two defendants in the case, 17-year-old Thomas Black and Marck Spruce, 16.

Taylor was placed at the scene of the rape by another Negro youth who said he left the trio as they attacked the couple's car.

The victim and her companion, a University of Alabama student, fled from the car and tried to escape after the Negroes had broke through the window.

The woman said she was raped by two of the Negroes and her companion claimed he was robbed of $20.

Two Negro Youths Face May 7 Trial On Attack Charge

BIRMINGHAM, April 27 (AP) — Two young Negroes face trial May 7 on capital charges of raping a 19-year-old white secretary and robbing her escort.

Samuel Taylor, 22, was sentenced to death in the electric chair on similar charges yesterday. The defendants whose trial was set today are Mark Spruce, 16, and Thomas Black, 17.

Taylor and the teen-agers were caddies at the Roebuck Municipal Gold course. They are accused of raping the young woman and robbing her companion after surprising them in a parked car near Tarrant a month ago.

Taylor was sentenced to die June 1, but the verdict is subject to automatic review by the Alabama Supreme Court.

To Hear Alabama Death Penalty Case

Washington, D. C.—The U. S. Supreme Court agreed Monday to review the case of an Alabama Negro convicted and sentenced to death for alleged burglary with intent to rape. The request was made by attorneys for the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, Inc.

The prisoner, William Earl Fikes, 28, is being held in Alabama state penitentiary. He was sentenced to death June, 1953, following reported unsuccessful attempt by an unknown intruder to rape the daughter of the Mayor of Selma, Ala. and burglarize her home.

Several Negroes were arrested in connection with a report series of burglary and rape in Selma. Fikes was stopped in the street by a white citizen and held until the police arrived. He was taken into custody May 16, 1953, on "open charge" and held two days for "investigation" without being booked. Later, he was taken to Kilby State Prison where he was subjected to eight days of incessant questioning by police officials until he allegedly confessed. He was indicted by an all-white grand jury.

Before trial, attorneys for Fikes petitioned the court to quash the indictment on the ground that Negroes were excluded from the grand jury and that the only evidence presented to the jury were two confessions extorted and illegally obtained through force and violence. These group in Montgomery had managed to establish a better city transportation system in three days than had the city bus company in some ten years.

In addition to prayer meetings in points were rejected by the trial court and the Alabama Supreme Court.

At the trial, Fikes' accuser could not identify him as her assailant. The only evidence offered by the state were the two alleged confessions on which he was indicted. The court also refused a motion by the defense attorneys to let Fikes take the stand to refute the voluntary nature of the alleged confessions.

Fikes Granted Review By Court

WASHINGTON, D. C.—(NNPA)—William Earl Fikes was granted a review by the Supreme Court Monday of his conviction of first-degree burglary by Alabama courts.

Fikes is contending that he was denied a fair trial because of the systematic exclusion of colored citizens from jury duty in Dallas County, Ala., and by the use of alleged confessions obtained from him while he was in Kilby Prison at Montgomery.

The first-degree burglary charge, for which he is under sentence of death by electrocution, grew out of a man entering the apartment of Mrs. Jean H. Rockwell on the night of April 24, 1953. When she awoke, the man was sitting on her bed and threatened her with a kitchen knife.

A struggle followed, during which the man stumbled over a stool and she wrested the knife from him. The man ran.

99-Year Term Given Negro In Rape Case

BIRMINGHAM, May 31 (AP)— 16-year-old Negro caddy was sentenced to 99 years in prison for the rape of a white secretary today.

Mark Spruce was accused of being an accessory, but under Alabama law no distinction is made between principal and accomplice.

Samuel Taylor, 22, and Thomas Black, 16, were accused of the actual rape of the 19-year-old woman. Taylor was sentenced to death and Black was given ten years.

The woman and her escort were parked on a lonely road near Tarrant when three Negroes tried to break into their car. When they tried to run the Negroes raped the woman and robbed the man.

All three of the defendants were caddies at a Municipal Gold course.

Youth Sentenced To Ten Years In Assault Case

World Phenix City Ala.
Sun. 3-13-56

A 19-year-old Airport Hills boy, accused of allegedly criminally assaulting a 19-year-old white automobile loan agency secretary while she and her boy friend were reportedly parked in a car on a lonely wooded road, was sentenced to 10 years in prison, last Saturday afternoon, shortly after an all-white male jury deliberated more than 50 hours before reaching a verdict.

Late Saturday evening, the jury remained locked in its chambers without a verdict, and presiding Circuit Judge Rita King was expected to dismiss the jury and declare a mistrial, court officials said.

The jury had retired to the chambers around 1:40 p. m. last Wednesday, after getting their case which was preceded by an almost two-day final arguments by Deputy Circuit Solicitor Cecil Deason and Defense Attorney Morel Montgomery.

The 12 men of judgment had been sitting through out the four-day trial in which the defendant declared his innocence to the charge that he was an accomplice among four boys who allegedly criminally assaulted the white Inglebrook secretary and then allegedly robbed the 20-year-old university student and friend on a lonely wooded section road between Huffman and Tarrant City, around midnight March 24.

One of the alleged victims, Harold Sims, a sophomore student at one of Alabama's colleges of higher learning, testified that he and his girl friend-secretary had been sitting in his parked car in the woods, reportedly listening on the radio to a basketball game between the University of Alabama and another college, shortly before the alleged criminal and robbery attack took place.

Testimony also disclosed that Sims and his girl friend were in his car parked in an Negro-populated community section.

Prior to the alleged attack, Sims testified that he and his girl friend had made the rounds of several night clubs, including a popular supper eatery in Homewood.

Here are developments prior to final arguments Thursday evening:

1. Called back to the stand Frank Franklin, owner of a cafe in Airport Highlands, a prosecution witness, testified that Black reportedly came into his place of business early Saturday morning, March 24, before daylight before daylight. Franklin and Deputy Sheriff Dewey Tidwell [illegible] and Sims, the accusing-boy friend of the secretary-victim, entered the place to investigate, around two o'clock early that morning.

Trammell and McKay, testified that they entered the safe and saw Black reportedly sitting near a rockola, with a hand bandaged. The officers said they did not arrest Black until about two days later.

RIGHT TO MAKE LOVE ANYWHERE

2. Solicitor Deason, in a highly emotional voice, argued that Sims and his secretary-girl friend "had a right to park their automobile and the right to make love or engage in romance anywhere they desired to, without being distrubed."

Deason further contended that "when they (boys) are big enough to do things like that (rape), they are old enough . . . to pay the price," in his plea to the jury for a verdict of death by the electric chair for the defendant.

Sims testified that when the alleged four attackers approached his father's 1956 Chevrolet car, in which he and his girl friend were seated, he was unable to start the vehicle's motor to escape. The alleged secretary-victim testified that she was allegedly "grabbed by a colored man, and that the colored man declared he was going to rape me. He then got upon me and placed a knife at my neck."

"Sims claimed in testimony that the same alleged attacker held a knife at his neck, took $15 from him and divided the money among himself and the other three alleged attacker.

Solicitor Deason argued that the secretary-victim was in "such a hysterical state" that she had to let Sims make the complaint to Tarrant City police.

Prosecution witnesses' testimony accuses Black of breaking the automobile's window glass with his bare fist and then allegedly reaching the same "busted, bleedy" hand into the broken door window and pulling the secretary-victim out of the vehicle. Black maintained his innocence through the trial.

The trial received a jolt when defense attorney Montgomery's vigorous cross-examination caused a 15-year-old boy, a key state witness, wilted and testified, "Yes sir, I have been lying," completely repudiating all of his earlier testimony.

Other sheriff's deputies, besides Trammell who took part in the investigation and arrests, were Bill Adams, Tom Allison, Frank Rogers and Clark Flowers.

AGAINST DEATH SENTENCE

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Reeves' Lawyers Carry Plea Before State Supreme Court

Attorneys for a 20-year-old Negro twice sentenced to death on charge of raping a young white housewife asked the State Supreme Court yesterday to overrule his death sentence.

The condemned man, Jeremiah Reeves, has been tried and convicted twice on the rape charge. His first death sentence was overturned by the U.S. Supreme Court.

Reeves' attorneys argued that Negroes are systematically excluded from Montgomery Circuit Court juries as they did on the first appeal to the federal courts.

They also claimed that Reeves' alleged confession introduced during the lower court hearing was made under duress.

Defense Attorneys Peter A. Hall and Orzell Billingsley Jr., both Negroes of Birmingham, said the Circuit Court committed error by not allowing the defendant to withdraw his original plea of innocent by reason of insanity.

Hall and Billingsley argued also that Reeves should have been brought to trial under a new indictment rather than the one originally returned by a county grand jury.

Asst. Atty. Gen. Robert Straub answered by saying the U.S. Supreme Court made no mention of defects in the indictment. Under the law, he added, it was not necessary to ask for a new indictment.

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He replied to defense charges that the general public was excluded from the trial by noting that the entire proceedings were transcribed and made available for the defense appeal.

Straub said the defendant's parents and pastor, court officials and representatives of the press attended the trial.

Reeves was convicted by an all-white jury, although several Negroes were on the jury venire. They were stricken from the jury list by attorneys in the process of selecting jurors to hear the case.

IN KILBY CHAIR

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Two Negroes Face Execution After Clemency Plea Denied

Fri. 9-21-56 P. 1
Montgomery, Ala.

Two Negroes will die in Kilby Prison's electric chair tonight after their pleas for clemency were rejected late yesterday by Gov. James E. Folsom. It will be the first executions carried out since Gov. Folsom took office 20 months ago.

Scheduled to die are Edward Rogers, Montgomery Negro convicted of a torch murder, and Melvin Jackson, 19-year-old Russell County Negro convicted of raping a white housewife.

Both men made futile pleas for mercy early yesterday to Folsom and it was not until late in the afternoon that Folsom announced his decision of death for the two men.

Rogers will die for the "torch murder" of McClendon Tolbert local Negro who was a suitor of Rogers' common law wife.

Rogers was accused of beating Tolbert unconscious, sprinkling his body with kerosene and setting it afire. The victim died of burns and suffocation.

In the hearing yesterday, Rogers' attorney Lou Walden insisted the conviction had resulted almost entirely from testimony given by the woman involved in the case. He claimed she had merely sought to put all the blame on Rogers rather than on herself.

Walden was also critical of Circuit Judge Walter B. Jones, who had presided in the case. The attorney said the trial had continued until late at night and was "a pressing, rush affair all the way."

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Walden also criticized Jones for issuing a statement to the press earlier this week in which he had urged that Folsom not grant clemency to the defendant.

"I think that in a measure this was an attempt to usurp authority given to you," Walden told Folsom. "I think by making that statement to the press he was interfering with the orderly process of the hearing and seeking to prejudice you."

Montgomery Circuit Solicitor William K. Thetford, in opposing clemency, admitted the jury had reached a hurried verdict but said that was because they were all convinced of Rogers' guilt.

Jackson will die tonight on his conviction of rape despite the fact that 10 members of the 12-man jury who convicted him presented a petition to Gov. Folsom yesterday urging that his death sentence be commuted to life imprisonment.

Phenix City Attorney Roy Smith, aided by State Sen. J. W. Brassell, represented Jackson, who was convicted of raping a young housewife near Phenix City in September, 1954.

Smith and Brassell noted that Jackson was "mentally unbalanced" and for that reason he should be given mercy. Jackson, unlike Rogers who had a lengthy plea for mercy, made but a brief statement.

When asked by Folsom for any statement he would like to make, Jackson replied:

"I just hope you will have mercy on me."

Rogers had spoken for more than 30 minutes when Folsom ordered all but the participants from the room before continuing the hearing. Rogers sought to prove that the murder had not been committed by him, but by the woman involved, Emma Mae Bettis.

BURGLARY ALSO CHARGED

Bond Set At $2,000 For Negro Accused In Assault Attempt

A bond of $2,000 was set yesterday for a Negro teen-ager who will face the Montgomery County grand jury on a charge of attempting to rape a white mother of four here Saturday night.

Jesse Thompson, 17, a Morristown, Tenn., house painter, also was charged with burglary.

The 38-year-old mother testified in Recorder's Court that the Negro was frightened from the home by her screams for her 16-year-old son sleeping in an adjoining room.

She said the Negro climbed into her bed while she slept.

The Negro was traced from a paint-flecked cap found in the home. Detectives W. J. Simpler and Paul Berrey investigated the incident.

Court Upholds Death Verdict For 2 Negroes

The Alabama Supreme Court yesterday unanimously upheld death sentences against two young Negro men convicted of capital offenses involving white people.

With all the justices concurring, the court ordered Roosevelt Smitherman, 23, and Melvin Jackson, 18, put to death in the Kilby Prison electric chair March 30, 1956.

Smitherman was sentenced to die for slaying Thomas J. Harper, a Mobile finance company employe who was trying to collect from him, last February.

Harper's body was found in a wooded section of Mobile near Stanton Road last Feb. 18. The defendant's wife, who was said to have been an eye-witness to the shooting, testified against him at the lower court trial.

Melvin Jackson was given a death sentence when convicted of raping a young white housewife at her rural home in Russell County Sept. 3, 1954. He was caught six days later in a Columbus, Ga., motion picture house.

In upholding Jackson's conviction, the Supreme Court noted that he confessed to the crime voluntarily, making full and complete confessions both orally and written.

Jury Indicts Man For Raping Negro

ANDALUSIA, Ala., Feb. 7 (AP)—A 53-year-old Atmore white man was indicted yesterday on a charge of raping a 14-year-old Negro girl.

The indictment by the Covington County Grand Jury was against Isaac Luker. It charged he raped the girl in woods just north of Florala, Ala., Jan. 30.

Florala Police Chief John Watson quoted the girl's mother as saying Luker approached the child on a Florala street and told her he wanted her to baby sit for him. He was quoted as saying he already had obtained her mother's permission.

The indictment charged he placed the girl in his car, drove to the woods and raped her.

Luker was arrested at Atmore and placed in the Covington County jail.

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Florala Police Chief John Watson quoted the girl's mother as saying Luker approached the child on a Florala street and told her he wanted her to baby sit for him. He was quoted as saying he already had obtained her mother's permission.

The indictment charged he placed the girl in his car, drove to the woods and raped her.

Luker was arrested at Atmore and placed in the Covington County jail.

BURGLARY ALSO CHARGED

Bond Set At $2,000 For Negro Accused In Assault Attempt

A bond of $2,000 was set yesterday for a Negro teen-ager who will face the Montgomery County grand jury on a charge of attempting to rape a white mother of four here Saturday night.

Jesse Thompson, 17, a Morristown, Tenn., house painter, also was charged with burglary.

The 38-year-old mother testified in Recorder's Court that the Negro was frightened from the home by her screams for her 16-year-old son sleeping in an adjoining room.

She said the Negro climbed into her bed while she slept.

The Negro was traced from a paint-flecked cap found in the home. Detectives W. J. Simpler and Paul Berrey investigated the incident.

Court Upholds Death Verdict For 3 Negroes

The State Supreme Court yesterday ordered three condemned Negroes put to death, two of them for raping white women.

In other decisions, the court upheld contempt convictions of five union members charged with violating an anti-picketing injunction during a strike at Lincoln Mills at Huntsville last summer.

The condemned Negroes ordered electrocuted at Kilby Prison on Sept. 21 are Jeremiah Reeves and Edward Rogers of Montgomery and Melvin Jackson of Russell County. Reeves and Jackson were convicted of raping white housewives; Rogers was sentenced to death for killing another Negro by setting a house on fire.

Reeves' and Rogers' convictions were upheld; Jackson was denied a rehearing of a previous order affirming his death sentence.

Reeves has twice been convicted of raping a young Montgomery woman in 1952 and twice sentenced to death. The U.S. Supreme Court reversed his first sentence and he was tried again.

The 20-year-old jazz drummer who spends part of his time writing poetry in a Kilby death cell was indicted by a grand jury on two rape charges, one robbery count and three charges of assault with intent to rape, but has been tried only on one count.

Jackson was convicted of raping a young housewife at her rural home near Phenix City in September, 1954. Arrested six days later in a Columbus, Ga., movie, he signed a statement admitting the attack and led officers to a briar patch where they recovered a rifle stolen from the woman's home.

Rogers was charged with killing McLendon Tolbert in a fight over a woman. The state contended he knocked Tolbert out and then saturated the house with gasoline and set it afire.

The conviction of five strikers at Huntsville was upheld by the Supreme Court in three separate decisions. The defendants, who were members of Local 230 of the Textile Workers Union of America, were fined or sentenced to jail by a circuit Court judge for violating a temporary injunction which prohibited unlawful picketing at the Lincoln plant.

John Evett, one of the convicted strikers, was accused along with others of threatening the life of James Lang when Lang appeared for work at the strikebound plant. The comtempt citation said Evett also struck the man. Evett was sentenced to four days in jail.

The other defendants were: Amy Crane and the union, fined $50 each.

J. D. Brooks, president of the local, sentenced to three days in jail.

Glen Crane, two days in jail.

Howard Seymore, three days in jail.

Brooks and Seymore were accused of preventing another employe, Albert Tanner, from reporting for work at the mills.

NEGRO IS SENTENCED TO 10
YEARS IN INGLENOOK ATTACK

A 16 year old Negro youth Saturday was sentenced to 10 years in prison in connection with the rape of a young white Inglenook secretary March 17.

The jury returned shortly before noon after deliberating the case since Thurs. afternoon.

Another jury sentenced Samuel Taylor, 22, to the electric chair two weeks ago in the same case.

Dep. Sol. Cecil Deason had demanded the death penalty for Thomas Black too. Black and Taylor are two of three Negro youths charged in the assault on the secretary.

The third defendant has not been brought to trial.

The youths were arrested after the young Inglenook woman was assaulted while she was parked with her boy friend between Tarrant and Huffman

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Negro Electrocuted, Another Gets Reprieve

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MONTGOMERY, Sept. 28 (U.P.)—A 20-year-old Negro, convicted of assaulting a white woman, was executed shortly after midnight today but a second Negro scheduled to died for the torch murder of his common law wife's suitor was granted a last minute reprieve by Gov. James Folsom.

Prison officials said Melvin Jackson, of rural Phenix City, went to his death "with extraordinary calm." His final words were "I realize I'm innocent of the crime but I don't hold nothing against nobody."

Jackson was convicted of attacking a young Russell County white woman whose serviceman husband was overseas at the time.

Folsom commuted the death sentence of Ed Rogers, 42, to life in prison. Rogers was convicted in Montgomery last year of knocking McLendon Tolbert unconscious then setting his body afire with an inflamable liquid. The crime followed an argument over Rogers' common law wife.

Folsom refused two weeks ago to commute either sentence. But he granted the pair a one-week reprieve because of "some confusion over the time of the execution."

At a clemency hearing for the two, Circuit Judge Walter B. Jones, who presided over Rogers' trial, asked Folsom not to change Rogers' sentence.

Jones wrote Folsom that to "extend any kind of clemency whatever to this defendant would be an outrage upon justice."

Folsom Press Secretary Ralph Hammond said last night the governor had "gone to great lengths to investigate" the case of Rogers.

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Montgomery, Ala.
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30 Years Urged For Negro Rapist

Montgomery Adv.
Sat 10-6-56

ANNISTON, Ala., Oct. 5 (U.P.)—A 19-year-old Negro was convicted of raping a white housewife and the circuit court jury which heard the case yesterday recommended a 30-year sentence for him.

The woman testified a Negro man grabbed her as she was walking home from work on the night of Aug. 26, 1955, dragging her behind some parked trucks and raping her. She said she did not see the man before he blindfolded and gagged her.

An alleged confession of the defendant, Charles Edward Robinson, was introduced as evidence over objections of his counsel.

The 32-year-old housewife now lives in Wylam, a western suburb of Birmingham.

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Three men sentenced to death in Alabama

MONTGOMERY, Ala. (ANP) —The State Supreme Court last week upheld death sentences of three men convicted of raping white women and one for slaying another man.

The death sentences were ordered for Jeremiah Reeves, 20; Melvin Jackson and Edward Rogers.

Dixie Justice!

White Man Charged With Raping Negro Woman Twice, Draws $500 Fine and Light Sentence

SELMA, Ala.—A meager $500 fine and six months in jail were all the punishment a white man received for allegedly raping a young Negro woman twice the same night. The woman, Thelma Jones, had retained Attys. Fred Gray and Charles Langford to prosecute the case, but when they were detained in Montgomery, L. C. Jones, accused of the crime, apparently was permitted to plead guilty to a lesser charge—attempted rape.

Miss Jones' account of the incident states that Jones came to her home seeking her services as a baby-sitter. Having several hours before reporting to her job as a dispatcher for a taxi stand, she decided to oblige.

When the baby-sitting chore was done Miss Jones said her employer asked her to ride with him to pick up his wife, who was supposed to be working at a cigar factory.

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WHEN JONES failed to go in the direction of the factory the young lady said she became suspicious and reached for the door in an effort to leave the car. Jones then, according to the victim, sped up the car and made indecent proposals.

"I will be glad when this segregation mess is over because I like colored women," Jones is quoted as saying, whereupon he drove Miss Jones to a secluded spot and raped the young woman. Miss Jones said after the ordeal she struggled free and ran.

She ran to two Negro homes, both of which refused her aid, she said, thinking she was a "bim-flammer." Miss Jones said a shot was fired at her at one of the homes.

The attractive victim said she ran terrified to the highway and again wandered into the path of her attacker who had been looking for her.

Jones then forced her back into the car, she said, and drove to an inn where he bought a bottle of whisky. Miss Jones said she refused to drink and was attacked again.

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SHE SAID that after Jones forcibly kept her all night she finally was able to slip away from her attacker, who, by this time was in a drunken stupor.

Hailing a carload of Negro men, Miss Jones said she was given a ride into Selma, where she rushed to the sheriff's office and issued a warrant for the arrest of her rapist.

Miss Jones' two lawyers were detained in Montgomery on another case, but during their absence her attacker was given the light sentence.

Ironically, Willie Earle Fikes, a Negro, is under death sentence for allegedly raping a white woman in the same area.

Rape is punishable by death in the state of Alabama.

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SUSPECT IN SLAYING, RAPE IS HELD SANE

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Feb. 24 (AP) — Emmett Earl Leggett, 19-year-old ex-convict accused in the murder of 14-year-old Joe King and in the rape of two teenaged sisters, was reported Friday to be "without psychosis."

Circuit Judge William J. Kirby said the state hospital for nervous diseases, where Leggett underwent a 30-day mental examination, had declared the youth sane at the time of the crimes.

Leggett is charged with first degree murder in the strangulation death of the King boy during the Christmas weekend, and is charged on two counts of rape.

NEGRO, 22, CONFESSES HE ASSAULTED GIRL

White Teenager Attacked Near Marked Tree

Special to the Commercial Appeal

MARKED TREE, Ark., July 23.—A 22-year-old Negro pleaded guilty here Monday to a charge of assaulting an 18-year-old white girl.

Steve Anderson was bound over to the action of the Grand Jury without bond by Justice of the Peace L. B. Yancey, following a preliminary hearing Monday afternoon. He is being held in Poinsett County Jail.

The assault took place about five miles north of Marked Tree on a country road Saturday night when the Negro stopped the teenage girl and her companion to ask for gas.

The couple became alarmed when the Negro started to get in their car.

The girl got out and ran into the darkness and sought refuge under a nearby bridge. Her companion said the Negro struck at him twice with a knife as he attempted to start his car. The white boy succeeded in escaping and drove to Marked Tree for help.

Using a flashlight the Negro found the girl's hiding place.

Lawyer Seeks 'Mixed' Jury In Rape Case

LITTLE ROCK, Sept. 19 (AP)—An Attorney representing Luther Bailey, 45-year-old Negro on trial for rape, today filed a motion asking that both the regular and special jury panels be quashed on the ground that Negroes were not properly represented.

Bailey is accused of raping a 50-year-old white woman in her home here June 14.

Judge William J. Kirby heard the motion by Thad Williams, Negro attorney, in his chambers.

Williams contended that jury commissioners have systematically selected a very low percentage of Negroes in Pulaski County to serve on jury panels.

Louis W. Rosteck, Pulaski Circuit Court clerk, was sworn in as a witness and was questioned by Williams. He read from court records the number of Negroes on jury panels from the March, 1952, term of court to the March, 1956, term. The number of Negroes on each panel ranged from one to five. A regular panel contains 36 names.

Also introduced into the record were the poll tax figures from the office of County Collector L. A. Mashburn showing that 14.8 per cent of poll tax buyers were Negroes in 1954 and 13.3 per cent were Negroes in 1955.

Prosecutor Frank Holt has said that he will qualify jurors for the death penalty.

NEGRO IS ELECTROCUTED

Arkansan Sent To Chair For Criminal Attack

TUCKER PRISON FARM, Ark., Sept. 21.—(AP)—Leo Scarber, 60-year-old Negro, died in the state's electric chair here at 6:36 a.m. Friday. He had been convicted of the criminal assault of a 76-year-old white woman at her home near Willisville, Nevada County, last year.

Scarber, who shared his last meal with fellow inmates of "death row" Thursday night, walked unaided to the execution room. He remained silent when asked if he had any last words.

He was placed in the chair at 6:29 a.m. and was pronounced dead seven minutes later by Dr. R. A. Rollins.

Among witnesses who watched the execution were the attacked woman's daughter, three protestant ministers and a Catholic chaplin.

Alvin Allister of England, a layman, said the condemned man had been "led to the Lord" and was prepared to die. He quoted Scarber, who at the time of his trial pleaded guilty, as saying he deserved to be executed.

It was Arkansas' first execution in 28 months, longest period the electric chair had gone without use since it replaced hanging in Arkansas 43 years ago.

NEGRO DENIED PLEA FOR NEW JURY PANEL

10 Jurors Are Selected For Assault Trial

LITTLE ROCK, Sept. 19. — (AP)—Ten jurors were selected Wednesday in the criminal assault trial of a 45-year-old Negro after a motion to quash regular and specail jury panels was denied.

Prosecutor Frank Holt said he would ask that Luther Bailey be given the death penalty on a charge of assaulting a 50-year-old Little Rock white woman in her home June 14.

Two of the jurors selected are women. The 10 were selected from 23 called from the regular panel.

Judge William J. Kirby held a hearing on the motion by Thad Williams, Bailey's attorney who also is a Negro.

William contended jury commissioners have systematically selected a very low percentage of Negroes in Julaski County to serve on jury panels.

At the hearing in Judge Kirby's chambers, Circuit Court Clerk Louis Rosteck read from court records which showed that one to five Negroes were on each jury panel selected from March, 1952, to March, 1956. A regular panel contains 36 names.

Poll tax figures introduced showed that 14.8 per cent of the county's poll tax buyers in 1954 were Negroes, and that Negroes bought 13.3 per cent of the poll taxes in 1955.

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Young Sailor Found Guilty In Rape Case

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A young sailor yesterday was found guilty of raping a 49-year-old Rockville matron at the point of a gun last Oct. 17.

Bock

The jury did not recommend the death penalty.

An all-male Montgomery County Circuit Court jury returned the verdict against James A. Bock, 21, who had pleaded not guilty by reason of insanity. He was formerly stationed at Bethesda Naval Hospital.

He may be sentenced to imprisonment up to 20 years. No date for the sentencing has been set.

The victim testified she was driving away from the Rockville Public Library the evening of October 17, when "a gloved hand came over my face and a voice said 'Don't scream or cry out.'"

She testified she was forced at the point of a gun to drive to the West End Elementary School in Rockville, disrobe, and submit to the assault.

She identified Bock by the sound of his voice, though she had not seen his face.

Three judges, Stedman Prescott, Thomas M. Anderson and Kathryn J. Lawlor, heard a psychiatrist swear Bock came within the Maryland legal definition of sanity.

Rape Charge Ignored by Grand Jury

Post + Times Herald Fri 5-25-56 Washington, D.C.

A District grand jury refused yesterday to indict Marine Pfc. George Horan on a rape charge stemming from a complaint by a 16-year-old Michigan schoolgirl.

The grand jury formally ignored the case after making an intensive investigation. Assistant United States Attorney William S. McKinley said nearly 20 witnesses testified before the grand jury, including the girl.

Horan was accused by police of assaulting the girl in a park near Union Station early on May 16. The alleged victim was one of 52 seniors visiting Washington from high schools in Reese and Port Austin, Mich.

Horan, 20, of Trenton, N. J., was arrested at the Marine Corps base at Quantico, Va. The girl testified at a preliminary hearing before United States Attorney Cyril S. Lawrence that Horan forced her to submit to him. Horan denied the use of force, police reported. He had been held without bond since his arrest.

The girl testified she and four friends met Horan and four other Marines downtown and went out with them.

Cole Draws Death Penalty In Child Rape

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Attorney to Appeal Verdict in Test Of Md. Sanity Law

(Picture on Page 8.)

By Harrison Hagemeyer
Staff Reporter

George Lightfoot Cole Jr. yesterday was sentenced to hang for the rape of a three-year-old Takoma Park girl last November.

After the sentencing, Barnard T. Welsh, one of the three attorneys who represented the 23-year-old ex-convict, announced he would appeal the case in a test of the Maryland law which holds that a criminal is legally sane if he is able to determine the difference between right and wrong.

During the trial, held last month, defense psychiatrists had testified that Cole knew right from wrong but had suffered a brain disease in 1949 which had left him unable to control his impulses.

Cole showed no emotion as Judge Stedman Prescott invoked the death penalty for what he termed "a hideous crime."

The case was heard by Judge Prescott, Judge Thomas Anderson and Judge Patrick M. Schnauffer.

Judge Prescott told Cole, "Your attorney has done you a perfectly splendid job," but said the court was not impressed with the evidence as to his mental condition. The judge read a portion of testimony by a state psychiatrist which concluded that Cole was legally sane.

Prior to the sentencing, Welsh reviewed the psychiatric testimony which he said showed Cole's actions were due to an attack of encephalitis or inflamation of the brain in 1949. The entire defense had been based on Cole's mental condition.

Also representing Cole were Howard Grier and Mrs. Cecil Roeder.

High Court To Review Negro's Death Sentence

Dispatch Fri 11-2-56 Oklahoma City

WASHINGTON — (ANP) — Andrew R. Mallory, who was scheduled to die in the electric chair on Nov. 11, now has another chance at his life.

This chance was granted by the United States Supreme Court, when it agreed to review the case of the 21-year-old janitor convicted of rape by a District jury.

The District court jury of the District of Columbia recommended the death sentence for Mallory found guilty of raping Mrs. Stella O'Keane in June 1955 in the basement of an apartment building where she lived.

The white housewife is alleged to have gone to the basement to do her laundry when she was attacked by Mallory, who lived in the basement with the janitor.

ESCAPED FLORIDA PRISON

Rapist Recaptured By Georgia Police

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Montgomery, Ala.

Second Escapee Caught In Troy After Jail Break

PANAMA CITY, Fla., Nov. 8 (AP) —A condemned rape slayer was captured at Columbus, Ga., today several hours after companion in a Panama City jail break ws caught at Troy, Ala.

George Lowell Everett, 21, was arrested by Columbus officers who recognized him on the streets, special FBI Agent John K. Mumford of Atlanta said.

Mumford said Everett will be turned over to Florida authorities. The FBI had been seeking the escapee on a fugitive warrant.

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Everett, awaiting disposition of appeal, broke out of the Bay County Jail last night with Charles J. Sullivan, Falls Church, Va. Sullivan was facing trial on robbery and forgery charges.

Sheriff M. J. Daffin said they were assisted in the break by Dallas E. Withers, 33, held in the sex slaying of two boys at Panama City.

Sullivan was picked up in early afternoon by a Troy City Patrolman, Oscar Parham, who spotted him hitchhiking and recognized him from a broadcast description.

The officer said the fugitive offered no resistance and readily admitted his identity.

Daffin said Sullivan agreed to waive extradition proceedings.

The sheriff meanwhile suspended night jailer, B. O. Rushings. He charged Rushing with negligence in leaving two jail doors unlocked. He was relieved of all duties pending an investigation.

Everett was convicted and sentenced to death May 28, 1955, for raping, stabbing and strangling the pretty 21-year-old wife of an Air Force sergeant in their duplex home Jan. 18.

The victim was blonde Mrs. Lou Ellen Jones, a former high school band beauty queen at El Reno, Okla., and the mother of a 2-year-old boy. Her son was not harmed.

Daffin said Withers enabled Everett and Sullivan to escape through a ruse. The three had been confined in the same cell and the sheriff said Everett and Withers had become close friends.

The officer said Rushing was returning the three to their cells last night when Withers told the jailer he had left his cup in a larger recreation cell. He asked the jailer to get it for him.

Rushing left the cell door unlocked and walked out, Daffin said. While he was gone, the two men slipped through a hall door, forced a second-floor window and jumped about 15 feet to the ground.

THE MEN WERE believed to have fled in an automobile stolen last night about a mile from the jail.

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The 21-year-old Everett was convicted May 28, 1955, of raping and strangling pretty Mrs. Lou Ellen Jones, also 21, in her modest Panama City home the preceding Jan. 18.

He had been jailed here pending disposition of an appeal to the Florida Supreme Court of his death sentence.

Daffin said Everett and Sullivan first were believed to have escaped by walking through two unlocked doors and slipping out the main entrance to the jail. He said it later was determined they pried a heavy metal mesh from a second story hall window and jumped about 15 feet to the ground.

THE SHERIFF gave this account of the break:

Everett, Sullivan and Withers were being returned from a larger recreation cell to their own cell by Rushing last night. As they entered the cell, Withers told the jailer he had left his cup in the other room.

Rushing went for the cup without locking the cell door. The two men slipped out of the cell and through the unlocked hall door.

Rushing returned and handed the cup through the cell door to Withers without noticing the absence of the other two men. He then locked the cell and corridor door.

THE BREAK was not discovered until Gerald Bass, jailer on the morning shift, checked the cell, Daffin said.

The sheriff said Everett and Withers had become close friends while jailed together.

Withers is scheduled to go on trial Jan. 7 on murder charges in the deaths last May 1 of Douglas Wilson, 4, and his brother, David, 7, during a boat ride to a bayou near Panama City.

Everett was sentenced to death after a sensational week-long trial.

THE DEFENSE said he admitted raping and killing Mrs. Jones, wife of an Air Force sergeant. They contended he was insane.

His statement said Mrs. Jones, former high school band queen

AWAITING DEATH APPEAL

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Captured Rapist Switched To Unnamed Florida Jail

Sat. 11-10-56 Montgomery Ala

PANAMA CITY, Fla., Nov. 9 (AP) —A condemned rape slayer who broke out of the Bay County Jail two nights ago was placed in an undisclosed jail today.

Sheriff M. J. Daffin said George Lowell Everett was taken to the unnamed jail pending a court order to have the 21-year-old man admitted to the Raiford State Prison.

Everett's companion in the break, Charles J. Sullivan of Falls Church, Va., was returned to the county jail here today.

Everett was picked up on a

Sex-Slayer Recaptured In Georgia

Herald Fla. 11-9-56

Miami Fla.

PANAMA CITY, Fla. (UP)— Sheriff M. J. Daffin announced Thursday night that an escaped prisoner, sentenced to death for the rape-murder of an Air Force wife, was arrested in Columbus, Ga.

Daffin said notification of capture of 21-year-old George Lowell Everett of Dothan, Ala. was made by Columbus police.

Everett and Charles J. Sullivan, 23, Alexandria, Va., escaped Wednesday night from the new "escape proof" county jail here. Sullivan was picked up by FBI agents Thursday afternoon in Troy, Ala.

Everett was under a death sentence for the rape-slaying almost two years ago of Mrs. Lou Ellen Jones, former El Reno, Okla., high school beauty queen.

The pair fled from the jail after a cellmate diverted the attention of a guard by calling for a cup. The cellmate, Dallas Withers, 33-year-old Panama City man awaiting trial in the murder of two small boys, remained in the cell but did not report the escape.

Attack-Slayer Escapes Jail

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Another Prisoner Located At Troy

FROM PRESS REPORTS

PANAMA CITY, Nov. 8— An "extremely dangerous" prisoner sentenced to death for the attack-murder of a former Oklahoma beauty queen and a companion broke out of the new "escape proof" county jail during the night, police disclosed today.

Sheriff M. J. Daffin said George Lowell Everett, 21, Dothan, Ala., and Charles J. Sullivan, 23, Alexandria, Va., made their escape with the aid of a cellmate but Sullivan was nabbed in Troy, Ala., late today by FBI agents, Sheriff M. J. Daffin said.

Sullivan was picked up in early afternoon by a Troy city patrolman, Oscar Parham, who spotted him hitchhiking and recognized him from a broadcast description.

Everett, who was believed heading north in a stolen car, was under death sentence for the criminal assault and slaying almost two years ago of Mrs. Lou Ellen Jones, former El Reno, Okla., high school beauty queen and wife of an Air Force man.

He was described by Daffin as "extremely dangerous."

Their cellmate, who diverted the attention of Jailer B. O. Rushing by calling for "a cup," was Dallas Withers, 33-year-old Panama City man awaiting trial for the murder of two small boys. Withers remained behind but did not report the escape.

Everett was convicted here last march in the death of Mrs. Jones whose battered and almost nude body was found by her husband, Sgt. Joseph R. Jones, when he came home from duty at nearby Tyndall Air Force Base. Everett was arrested in Dothan.

FBI joins hunt for escaped Florida killer

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Thurs. 11-8-56

Panama City, Ala.

PANAMA CITY, Fla., Nov. 8 —(AP)— Condemned rape slayer George Lowell Everett broke out of the county jail last night.

Sheriff M. J. Daffin said Everett and another prisoner were aided in the escape by Dallas E.

GEORGE L. EVERETT
. . . Breaks Panama City jail

Withers, 33, construction worker who is awaiting trial for murder in the sex slaying of two small boys during a motorboat ride.

Withers did not attempt to escape. He had been held in the same cell with Everett and the other escapee, Charles J. Sullivan, Falls Church, Va. Sullivan faced trial on robbery and forgery charges.

Daffin blamed the escape, discovered this morning, on the negligence of a jailer, B. O. Rushing. He relieved Rushing of all duties pending an investigation.

Police throughout the Southeast were alerted and the FBI also entered the hunt.

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from El Reno, Okla., surprised him as he was rifling her home. It added he knocked her unconscious with a vase, stabbed her, strangled her with an electric cord, removed her clothes and raped her.

Her 2-year-old son was not harmed.

THE NUDE BODY was discovered by her husband, S/Sgt. Joseph R. Jones.

Everett was arrested the following Jan. 27 at Dothan. Formerly of Columbus, Ga., he had been living with relatives in Dothan.

CONVICTED RAPE SLAYER ESCAPES

Night Jailer Suspended in Florida Breakout

PANAMA CITY, Fla., Nov. 8 (AP)—A condemned rape slayer eluded police Thursday but a companion in his jail break was captured at Troy, Ala., about 150 miles north of here.

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Offers No Resistance

The officer said the fugitive offered no resistance and readily admitted his identity.

Parham declined to disclose anything Sullivan told him concerning Everett's flight. He turned the information over to the FBI, which is seeking him on a fugitive warrant.

Daffin said Sullivan agreed to waive extradition proceedings.

The sheriff meanwhile suspended the night jailer, B. O. Rushing. Daffin charged Rushing with negligence in leaving two jail doors unlocked. He was relieved of all duties pending an investigation.

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They were believed to have fled in a stolen automobile.

Recaptured slayer taken to Florida pen security cell

PANAMA CITY, Fla., Nov. 13 —(AP)—Condemned rape slayer George Lowell Everett will be held in a maximum security cell at Raiford State Prison until his fate is decided.

The order transferring Everett was issued yesterday by Circuit Judge E. Clay Lewis while the prisoner was being held in a Tallahassee jail following his escape and recapture last week.

Sheriff M. J. Daffin, from whose county jail at Panama City Everett and another prisoner escaped, asked for the court order. He said his jail was not sufficiently secure to hold the condemned man.

Everett, 21, was convicted May 28, 1955, of the rape-murder of Mrs. Lou Ellen Jones, 21-year-old former El Reno, Okla., high school band beauty queen. She was the wife of an Air Force sergeant.

THE YOUNG MAN was sentenced to death but was granted a stay pending disposition of his appeal by the Florida Supreme Court.

Everett escaped from the Bay County jail at Panama City with another prisoner last Wednesday night. Both were recaptured the following day, Everett on a street at Columbus, Ga., his former home.

Daffin suspended the night jailer pending an investigation. The two prisoners slipped out of their second-story cell while it was unlocked, forced a window and jumped 15 feet to the ground. They fled in a stolen automobile

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TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — The commutation of Walter Lee Irvin's death sentence was "an exercise of our judgement as to the right and proper thing to do," Florida's Gov. LeRoy Collins, said last week.

The governor was answering an attack by County Circuit Judge Truman G. Futch who had told a grand jury investigating the commutation that Communist pressure tactics were used.

He said that Governor Collins was the victim of a "clever deception." The grand jury also heard the testimony of the alleged attack victim and others.

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THE GRAND JURY, meeting at Tavares, recessed until April 19.

Two of the four persons originally arrested in the case of the alleged attack on a Florida farm woman were fatally shot at different times.

A 16-year-old boy was sentenced to life imprisonment. Irvin, who accused Sheriff Willis McCall of Lake County of shooting one of the boys to death, was saved from the chair by the commutation.

Conviction of officer said tribute to justice

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PENSACOLA, Fla., March 16—(AP)—The conviction of a suspended policeman on charges of aggravated assault on a Negro woman was called "a remarkable tribute to American justice."

George McLarty, 25, convicted Friday night, was sentenced yesterday by Judge Ernest E. Mason to two years in prison. McLarty's attorneys filed notice of appeal and bond was set at $1000.

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"Here's a jury of Southern white men who determined the most humble citizen, be he white or black . . . is entitled to be secure in his home.

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McLarty was acquitted of three other charges, two of attempted rape and one of aggravated assault.

THE WOMAN testified that he entered her home Jan. 17 and tried to rape her. Another Negro said that he also entered her adjoining duplex and tried to rape her.

McLarty said he went to the homes for help in getting his cat out of the mud. He was off duty at the time.

Police Chief Crosby Hall suspended McLarty and fellow Policeman Randal Sellers, 23, recommending that they be dismissed for immorality, neglect of duty and insubordination. McLarty faces a civil service hearing on those charges.

The board Tuesday dropped the immorality charge against Sellers after witnesses said he did not enter the Negro homes.

Guilty Plea Stops Trial In Attack

Herald P. 18-A Jue. 6-5-56 Miami, Fla.

A wiry ex-Marine who weathered two years of battle in Korea chose Monday to take a chance that he might get a life term in Florida's prison instead of risking a trip to the electric chair for an armed rape attack.

WATTS

While a crowd of spectators and prospective jurors sat stunned, Tommy Watts, 21, of 2251 NW 79th st., pleaded guilty to the wild assault last April 12 and threw himself on the mercy of Circuit Judge Harold R. Vann.

Watts, his hands moving incessantly, made the surprise plea moments before selection of a jury was to begin.

He then sat crouched in his chair for 30 minutes as a pretty 18-year-old girl and her boy friend told Judge Vann the story of how Watts held them at gunpoint in the escort's parked automobile, forced each to disrobe and then attacked the girl.

Both of the accusing witnesses—positive in their identification of Watts—told the court also that Watts compelled the girl to commit an unnatural sex act before he fled the scene, threatening to kill them if they didn't obey his commands.

Watts, who was arrested five days later at the home of relatives near Maryville, Tenn., surprised the young couple in the early morning of April 12 as they sat parked near NW 104th st. and 21st ave.

Investigators found he had carried a .25 caliber pistol to enforce his demands.

Oakley Smith, attorney for Watts, said after the hearing that "the decision to plead guilty and take his chances was Watts' decision entirely."

Judge Vann delayed sentencing until Watts has received a psychiatric examination.

The guilty plea does not entirely remove the possibility of a sentence of death in the electric chair. The court can still impose such a sentence. The plea does open two other avenues for the court—one, life in Raiford, the other commitment to a state mental hospital.

Paul Louis and Tom Balikes, assistants to State Attorney George Brautigam, said their case against Watts was "ironclad" as a result of the victims' identification and the investigations made by the Criminal Bureau of Investigation.

They were prepared to demand the death penalty in the trial.

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The petitioners want to know why the Governor granted "this leniency" after Irvin was twice convicted of the crime and his conviction upheld by both the Florida Supreme Court and the U. S. Supreme Court.

They also suggested that the Governor be asked the names of the two "secret lawyers" who investigated the case for him; whether they had any connection with the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, and who paid the lawyer fees.

GOVERNOR'S STATEMENT

Gov. Collins issued a statement after learning the probe was ordered in which he said:

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The petitioners pointed out that under the parole system, Irvin's sentence can be further reduced and he can be "turned out in a few months."

In announcing Irvin's commutation, the Governor said that while there was justification for his conviction, his guilt had not been established "in an absolute and conclusive manner."

TWO MEN KILLED

Two of the men involved in the case with Irvin were shot to death, one by a "posse" and the other by Sheriff Willis McCall during an alleged escape attempt. The other was only 16 years old at the time and was sentenced to life imprisonment.

Ask Probe Of Irvin Case In Fla.

TAVARES, Fla. — (INS) — A Grand Jury was ordered empaneled Thursday to investigate Gov. Leroy Collins' action in persuading the State Pardon Board to commute the death sentence of Walter Lee Irvin, who was convicted of rape.

The probe was ordered by Circuit Judge T. G. Futch, who acted on three petitions signed by 121 citizens of the fifth judicial circuit. Irvin, who now faces a life term, was one of four Negroes accused of raping a white 17-year-old Bay Lake housewife in 1949.

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TALLAHASSEE —(AP)— Gov. LeRoy Collins Tuesday turned down an invitation to appear before the Lake County grand jury which is investigating commutation of Walter Lee Irvin's death sentence.

Comptroller Ray Green, who also is a member of the State Pardon Board, also said he had declined an invitation to testify before the grand jury.

The invitations were extended by State Atty. A. P. Buie.

Collins has told newsmen there is nothing to investigate but his own judgment and conscience, both beyond the control of a grand jury.

Green said in a letter replying to Buie's invitation:

"I have discussed the matter with other members of the Pardon Board and we are advised by legal counsel that there is no authority of law whereby a grand jury may properly investigate the discretion exercised by the constitutional Pardon Board in the commutation of a sentence."

Editor, Minister Blasted

Collins Not Censured By Irvin Probe Jury

TAVERES — (UP) — A long-awaited Lake County grand jury report failed to censure Gov. LeRoy Collins and the State Pardon Board Friday for commuting the death sentence of Negro rapist Walter Lee Irvin. Instead, the jury blasted a newspaper editor and a minister.

The jury recommended the next Legislature investigate the action of the governor and pardon board in commuting Irvin's death penalty to life imprisonment. It further suggested the Legislature enact laws requiring the pardon board to give notice to the prosecuting attorney and the judge of the court where the accused was convicted of the time, place and date that the pardon board would hear and determine any application made to such board for the benefit of the prisoner.

Singled out for sharp criticism were Tom C. Harris, managing editor of the St. Petersburg Times, and the Rev. B. F. Wyland of St. Petersbug. The jury blasted Harris for directing publication in his newspaper of a series of articles concerning the Irvin case.

"These articles, in our opinion," said the jury, "have been one of the key factors either indirectly or directly in the eventual commutation of Walter Irvin's death sentence by Gov. Collins and the pardon board."

Harris said, however, that the right to a fair trial is sufficient motive for any responsible newspaper to pursue a story when it sees possible injustice.

The Rev. Mr. Wyland was censured for his part in obtaining and circulating a petition seeking clemency for Irvin. The jury said the petition was "fraudulently obtained," "falsely presented to the governor" as being valid, true and accurate, and falsely contained the name of the victim of the attack and untruthfully claimed she was pregnant at the time of the assault.

A report much more critical of the governor and pardon board had been expected by court observers here from the jury which has been making its investigation for more than two months.

Circuit Judge Truman G. Futch, who directed the jury investigation with a blast at state officials and suggested the jury subpoena the governor, complimented and thanked the jury for its work.

The grand jury held that "both the governor and pardon board were within their legal rights to commute this Negro's sentence," the report said.

Irvin was convicted and sentenced to death as one of four young Negroes implicated in raping a young white woman at Groveland in 1949. The incident touched off a week of racial violence that was quelled by National Guard troops. One of the Negroes, a minor, received a life sentence, one was killed by a posse and the other shot to death en route from a prison to a trial court by Sheriff Willis McCall.

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McLarty was given a two year sentence for entering a Negro woman's home and attempting to rape her. The woman's name was withheld. McLarty has filed notice of appeal and his bond was set at $1,000. He says that he entered the victim's home to get help to free his automobile which was stuck in the mud.

Fla. governor 'on spot' for saving Irvin

TAVARES, Fla. — "Right or wrong, I have serious questions about the guilt of Walter Lee Irvin. I cannot take his life."

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Jury Probing Chair Reprieve

TAVARES, Fla., Feb. 24 (AP) — A special grand jury, called to investigate Gov. Leroy Collins' reasons for recommending commutation of Walter Lee Irvin's death sentence, today heard a weekly newspaper editor tell of two bombings at her home.

Mrs. Mabel Norris Reese, editor of the Mount Dora (Fla.) Topic, did not say what she told the grand jury but she carried a paper sack containing what she said were bomb fragments.

Mrs. Reese, who favors integration, told newsmen one bomb exploded in her yard Tuesday night; another last night when no one was home.

One explosion put a nearby television set out of order and some residents said telephone service was disrupted.

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Change Sought in Criminal Assault Law

Post & Times Herald

By Eve Edstrom
Staff Reporter

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A bill changing the District's rape statute to make the law more workable for prosecutors but fairer to juveniles and youthful offenders is being drafted by the Senate Juvenile Delinquency Subcommittee.

It is aimed at dealing with the illicit girl friend — boy friend relationship as a social problem instead of as a rape case. Under such circumstances, it would make possible the lessening of the offense from a felony to a misdemeanor.

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In no way will the proposed amendment affect forcible rape cases which carry the death penalty, Ernest A. Mitler, special subcommittee counsel, said.

No Choice Under Law

Washington D.C.

Both Juvenile Court Judge Edith H. Cockrill and Inspector John E. Winters, head of the Police Department's Youth Aid Division, long have noted that the present statute never was written to cover the majority of cases in which juveniles are charged with rape. By this, they mean a case involving a 16-year-old boy and a 15-year-old girl who willingly submits, for example.

"Under the present statute, I have no choice except to place that serious charge against a juvenile when he is involved with a girl under 16 years of age even though she willingly submits or is, in fact the aggressor," Inspector Winters points out.

"Usually the relationship has been going on for some time when the girl's parents learn of it and call it to our attention.

"I am not minimizing the morals aspect of such cases. But I do not think it is fair for a boy to have to live the rest of his life with a record of rape against him."

Distorts Felony Statistics

Inspector Winters noted the majority of the 33 rape charges filed against juveniles in fiscal 1955 fell into that category.

"They certainly throw our felony statistics out of line," Inspector Winters said. "Everyone looks at the charge but not the facts behind the charge."

This point was brought out dramatically a couple of years ago when Judge Cockrill testified at House District Committee hearings on a juvenile waiver bill.

At that time, she observed, the Council on Law Enforcement listed 26 rape cases against persons under 18 years of age during fiscal 1953.

She analyzed each one and found "not a single case of rape—statutory rape but not rape."

No Evidence of Force

She found no evidence to support a showing of force by the accused juveniles or of resistance by the girls.

All the cases involved teenagers with one exception, a drunken woman who had disrobed and was on her couch with the door open when the alleged attack took place. She failed to appear in court as the complaining witness.

Herald

In one case, the relationship had existed for more than a year before charges were filed against the juvenile.

Judge Cockrill, like Inspector Winters, does not minimize the immorality of such situations. Furthermore, she does not fail to act quickly when charges of forcible sex attacks are filed in her court.

When this happens, she waives to the adult court. An example involved the three 17-year-olds charged with carnal knowledge of a 14-year-old girl last July. All were given indeterminate sentences under the Federal Youth Corrections Act by Judge James W. Morris in District Court.

Act Discriminatory

The law actually is less favorable to a 16 or 17-year-old juvenile involved with a 15-year-old girl than it is to an adult charged with rape against a girl who is 16 or over.

An example of the latter occured last week when a District grand jury refused to indict a Marine on rape charges brought by a 16-year-old Michigan schoolgirl. A major reason for this refusal was that the Government had to show the 16-year-old resisted to the utmost of her ability or was fearful of grave bodily harm if she did not submit.

A girl under 16 is presumed to be incapable of giving consent. That is why Inspector Winters has no choice but to file the statutory rape charge against any juvenile with whom such a girl is intimate.

Inspector Winters believes if the Juvenile Court Act accords juveniles special treatment because they are not to be considered as responsible as adults, then the rape statute also should have some safeguards for juveniles.

He recently discussed this with Mitler who was associated with the District Attorney's office in New York for 10 years.

Mitler said New York had a similar problem until its statute was revised to spell out the type of sex act committted. When its was sexual intercourse under circumstances not amounting to rape, the offense became a misdeamnor.

This now permits such cases to come before courts equipped to deal with family problems and stops a number of cases from being thrown out because forcible rape can not be proved.

Mitler discussed the rape statute with Judge Cockrill last week. He decided to prepare a draft which would incorporate the best features of the New York statute but which would be applicable to District statutes, which deal with juveniles and with youthful offenders. The New York law extends to youths up to 21 and girls up to 18.

Mitler expects to complete the draft of the amendment this week for submission to local law enforcement officials before the subcommittee considers it.

Mosley New Trial Motion Is Overruled By Judge Andrews

Daily World Fri. 1-6-56 Atlanta, Ga.

By GEORGE M. COLEMAN

An extraordinary motion, asking for a new trial for Frederick Mosley, was overruled yesterday by Fulton Superior Judge E. E. Andrews, following the presentation of a surprise documented answer by the Solicitor General's office denying all allegations.

The convicted man, however, was not immediately re-sentenced to death by electrocution. His attorneys William Hall, Clyde Henley and Carter Goode, within minutes were preparing an extraordinary motion and bill of exceptions to present to the Georgia Supreme Court. If this plea should fail, attorneys declared the case badly in need of funds, will be presented to the Supreme Court of the United States.

The Thursday hearing, in Judge Andrews chambers, was continued from a December hearing in which two Atlanta detectives and a Negro witness were presented with evidence that declared at least one of the two white women in the case had erred in identifying Mosley.

One of the detectives had pointed out that Assistant Solicitor Frank French had been told of the dual identification before the trial.

An unofficial report earlier indicated the solicitor general's office would not oppose a new trial for Mosley, after evidence was described.

But the answer, presented to the court Thursday morning, denied [illegible] evidence of a dual identification or that French or Webb had known before she was charged with pointing out a second man as her attacker.

A sworn affidavit, signed by French declared the second woman's testimony had been entered "for the purpose of showing that a plan, scheme and modus operandi was employed by Mosley in the perpetration of a similar crime against [illegible]."

French further declared that "at no time was it ever brought to his attention by the woman, police, or [illegible] anyone else" that the woman had "ever identified any person other than Frederick Mosley."

The assistant solicitor further declared that it had never been brought to his attention that the Negro witness "had ever been named of thought to be implicated in the offense."

French insisted he has "never suppressed any evidence."

This was in apparent answer to a charge by Detective Jimmy Helms that French was informed before trial that the woman had pointed out a second man.

The documented answer brought with it a sworn statement from the woman denying the second identity and a possibly conflicting statement from Det. O. W. Jordan, who had been part of Mosley arraignment.

Mosley was convicted October 7, 1954.

New Trial Asked By Krulls in Ga. Rape Case

Constitution Atlanta, Ga. Sat. 6-16-56

NEW ORLEANS, June 15 (AP)—Two McKees Rock, Pa., brothers, sentenced to death in federal court for the kidnap-rape of a Chattanooga woman in Georgia, asked the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals to overturn their conviction.

In briefs filed with the court, George and Michael Krull contended the lower court erred in telling the jury it could fix the death penalty for rape.

The two were convicted of kidnaping the woman in Chattanooga and raping her across the state line in Georgia.

Attorneys for the two also charged the lower court erred in refusing a defense motion for a mistrial after the jury foreman had asked if the accused could be paroled from a life sentence.

Court attaches said the appeal would be set for hearing at the appeal court's October sesson in Atlanta.

FREDERICK MOSLEY, CONDEMNED GOSPEL SINGER, TO BE EXECUTED ON JUNE 29

Daily World Atlanta, Ga. 6-14-56

Frederick Mosley — whom hundreds of Atlantans attempted to help gain release from a death verdict — has been scheduled a fourth time to die by electrocution for the 1954 alleged rape of a white woman.

An order was signed Wednesday by Fulton Superior Court Judge E. E. Andrews. It set June 29 as the date of execution at Death Row, Reidsville Prison in Tatnall County.

The re-setting of a death date came after hundreds of gospel singers in Atlanta banded together and formed a defense fund to pay attorneys to defend the [illegible].

But little encouragement was heralded Wednesday by lawyers, who have carried the issue before all possible state agencies with power to take away or reduce the sentence.

There had been plans to go to the United States Supreme Court, but these apparently have been abandoned.

Mosley was convicted October 7, 1954 on an indictment charging him with the December 15, 1953 rape of a white woman. Conviction came after a second white woman also accused him. Since then, two white police officers have testified one of the women also accused another man of the crime.

Atlantans Pray For Young Singer Before Hearing

Daily World Wed. 6-27-56 Atlanta, Ga.

BY GEORGE M. COLEMAN

The Georgia Board of Pardons and Paroles yesterday was asked to commute the death by electrocution verdict of Frederick Mosley to life imprisonment, during a hearing that may well be the final attempt to save the young gospel singer's life.

Attorneys William Hall and Clyde W. Henley brought the case before the board at 11 a. m Tuesday and produced at least one witness who declared there had been fallacies in a key state's witness testimony during the trial nearly two years ago.

The hearing followed by hours a Monday night special prayer session by the Gospel Defense Fund in which several hundred Atlantans gathered in Zion Hill Baptist Church to pray for the young singer's life.

Mozley was convicted October 7, 1954 of the alleged rape-robbery of an Atlanta white woman. He had been picked out of a police lineup nearly six months after the crime was said to have been committed. Conviction came after a second white woman was permitted to identify Mozley as her attacker in another alleged rape-robbery.

Attorney Hall told the parole board that it had been proven that the second woman had made a "positive" identification of another Negro man, who was different from Mozley in height, weight and complexion.

He estimated that the all white jury which heard the trial may not have sentenced Mozley to death, without the second testimony which involved at least mistaken identity.

Detective E. F. McKillop, who earlier had corroborated testimony that the dual identification had been made, told the board how the woman had "insisted" the first Negro suspected be indicted and tried for the crime she later charged Mozley with.

The defense attorney further explored the probability that Assistant Solicitor Frank French, who tried the Mozley issue, had been advised of the dual identification.

He based this on a previous statement by Det. J. E. Helm that French had been told of this.

However, board chairman Hugh Carney, informed all present that the only issue at stake was whether or not this second identification influenced the jury to the extent it increased the penalty in its verdict.

The possibility of error by the Solicitor General's office, or witnesses was not being explored, Mr. Carney said.

However, Solicitor General Paul Webb, declared that if Mozley was not sentenced to death by electrocution, he should be set free and the laws of the state be re-written.

He admitted, however, that he was not familiar with the facts in the case.

The jury announced it would study the case, and bring in a decision sometime today.

Convict sentenced to die for attack in Cobb County, Ga.

News 2-23 Wed. 2-27-56 Birmingham

MARIETTA, Ga. Feb. 22—(AP)—Amos Reece, 28-year-old Negro convict, was convicted for the third time last night of raping a white woman and was sentenced to die March 29.

Judge James T. Manning of Cobb Superior Court fixed the date.

Reece's second conviction on the charge was reversed Dec. 5 by the U. S. Supreme Court. The court said he was denied an attorney until after he was indicted. The court also made a point of evidence which indicated no Negro had served on a Grand Jury in the county for 18 years. Federal law bans racial discrimination in selecting juries.

This point prompted the Justice Department to call on the Federal Bureau of Investigation to check into Cobb County's jury list practices.

Gov. Marvin Griffin called the investigation a "direct insult" to Georgians.

The inquiry showed that jury lists for the county were revised in August, 1954, to include Negroes.

Court records show Reece was working on a prison road gang in October, 1953, when he raped the woman after gaining entrance to her home on the pretext of getting a glass of water.

Reece was serving a sentence at the time for attempted rape.

Mosley Death Sentence Stands, Pardon And Parole Board Rules

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One Remaining Chance Is To Get Reprieve

By GEORGE M. COLEMAN

Frederick Mosley — who has received financial aid and prayers from hundreds of Atlantans during a long struggle for freedom or life — will die Friday by electrocution in Reidsville Prison, unless an unexpected reprieve is forthcoming from Governor Griffin.

The Georgia Board of Pardons and Paroles voted two to one Wednesday to let stand a court order for the electrocution of the young gospel singer.

The dissenting vote was cast by Board Chairman Hugh O. Carney, with board members William H. Kimbrough and Mrs. Rebecca Garrett voting a second time to let the 25 year old condemned man to die.

This action, which leaves only the possibility of action by the governor to save Mosley from dying Friday, came 26 hours after the board heard for a second time pleas for commutation of sentence from death to life imprisonment.

Numerous Atlantans, who Monday night took part in a mammoth prayer session for the condemned man at Zion Hill Baptist Church, called the newsroom of the Atlanta Daily World Wednesday afternoon for word of the board's ruling.

The singer's defense had mainly been paid for by these people who openly expressed belief in his innocence, and supported his defense financially many times.

Mosley has been under the shadow of death by electrocution since October 7, 1954, when he was found guilty of raping a white female laundry worker in a pickup station. Convicted after a second white woman was allowed to testify in court that Mosley assaulted her in a similar manner.

Mosley has lost appeals in some form to:

1. Trial Judge E. E. Andrews.
2. The Georgia Supreme Court.
3. The Board of Pardons and Paroles.
4. Fulton County Solicitor General's office.

This was the second appeal to be made before the parole board, and Mr. Sarney, who had cast the lone vote in Mosley's favor, said he dissented on the grounds that admission of evidence and testimony of the second woman were highly prejudicial and inflammatory.

"I don't think it was admissable in spite of the opinion handed down by the Supreme Court of Georgia," he added.

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Mr. Carney concluded that "While I have the greatest respect for each member of the Supreme Court--they are all my friends--as a member of the bar, I have a right to my opinion as the law; and as a member of this board, I have a right to my vote."

BOARD'S ACTION

In explaining public its action, the board reported:

"It is the vote of the undersigned to make no change in the action taken December 21, 1955 denying the application for commutation of the death sentence in the above case."

Thousands View

Mosley Rites Changed To City Auditorium

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BY GEORGE M. COLEMAN

Public interest, which has grown steadily since Frederick Mosley was executed in Reidsville Prison has cause the family of the young man to obtain the largest available facility for funeral services, the Atlanta Municipal Auditorium.

The funeral had first been scheduled for Little Friendship Baptist Church, Merritts Ave. and Bedford Pl., N. E., where Mosley was an active member of the church and choir.

However, after considering the thousands who contributed to the Mosley Defense Fund, the gospel singer who donated their time in defense efforts, and the fact that more than 15,000 people have viewed the body, the family was persuaded to seek a place which would accommodate interested people

Visitors at Hines Funeral Home, where the body is lying in state, have come from as far as Knoxville, Tennessee, it was revealed. Many have come from nearby Georgia towns to view Mosley's remains.

The funeral thus, for the man who died last week with a whisper of innocence and forgiveness on his lips, will be held Thursday at 2 p m. in the auditorium.

Estimates are it will be probably the largest this city has ever seen The procession list at last report was growing to gigantic numbers.

The body will lie in state in Little Friendship beginning 6 p m today and remaining until just before the funeral when it will be carried to the auditorium.

The funeral will be officiated by the Rev. W M Henderson, pastor of Little Friendship. Burial will follow in South View Cemetery

Mosley is survived by a wife and daughter, Mrs. Eva Mosley and little Yolanda. He is also survived by a mother, Mrs. Cora Mosley, and two brothers, Arthur Paul, of Atlanta. and Charlie Lee Mosley, of Detroit.

Those scheduled to appear on the program are: Rev. L. Thomas, Rev L. M Terrill, Mrs Eunice Johnson, Mrs. Ann Martin, Inspirational Gospel Singers, Colbert Gospel Singers, Mrs. Ester Lumpkins Mrs. Maggie McKinney. Mrs Willie Kate Jones. Paul E X. Brown. Bishop Pierce Johnson, Mrs. Elizabeth Palmer, Bishop B C Turner, Preston York. Harrison Smith, Mrs. Gertrude Nelson.

Throng at Rapist's Funeral Is Silent in 'Passive Protest'

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Atlanta, Ga. P. 24

BY CHARLES MOORE

Hundreds of Negroes overflowed a small Atlanta church Thursday for the funeral services of Frederick Mosley, a 26-year-old Negro who died in the electric chair June 29 for conviction of the rape of a Fulton County white woman.

Estimates of the crowd ranged from 1,100 to 3,000. They were there in what some bystanders termed as a "passive" protest to Mosley's electrocution.

Mosley was convicted Dec. 15, 1953, of raping a Bell street, SE, laundry clerk at gunpoint. Another white woman a clerk at a Chestnut street laundry station, identified Mosley at the trial as the man who had raped her at gunpoint on another occasion.

However, Mosley's defense lawyers said in appeals that the Chestnut street clerk previously had identified another Negro as her assailant. Mosley, already under indictment on one rape charge, was not indicted on the second charge.

Moseley was arrested on two occasions on burglary charges. One charge was reduced to receiving stolen goods and he was convicted and was sentenced to serve 12 months on probation and was fined $300. The other charge was pending at the time of his indictment in the rape case.

Mosley's death "is a symbol and a challenge," said Paul Brown, Atlanta Negro newspaperman, at the rites at Little Friendship Baptist Church, 302 Merritts Ave., NE, the church where Mosley sang in the choir.

"Our laws must become laws for all the people," Brown added. "They must be rewritten to apply justice and equity to all men, regardless to race, color or creed. It is time (that we) take a long look at our laws and our elective leaders."

Two loudspeakers carried the voices of Brown and the ministers to the crowd that ebbed into the street on both sides of Merritts avenue.

Many of the orderly audience stood under umbrellas as the hot sun beat down. Some 500 persons filled every seat and packed all aisles of the small white church.

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Girl Charges Criminal Assault; But Man Only Held For Molesting

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BY SAMUEL L. ADAMS

The 14-year-old member of a rural family Monday recounted the harrowing experience she suffered when a white man reportedly raped her while the girl's younger brother and sister looked on.

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The sordid tale was revealed to the World some time after the girl's mother, in concern for the welfare of her family, had fled with her 11 children to Gainesville, Ga. The alleged act ocerred on the afternoon of December 26 in the woods near the family's home in Walton County. The children had been sent out by their mother to gather fire wood.

Arrested in connection with the reported crime is a man identified as "Junior" Meeks, who resides somewhere in the vicinity of Gratis. Meeks was listed as the father of two children. He is being held on a charge of molesting a minor girl. however, the girl charges he raped her. A medical examination ordered by the girl's mother showed that the girl's virginity had been destroyed.

The young girl, her 40-year-old mother, a friend of the family, and her two brothers told their story to the Atlanta Daily World Monday in an exclusive interview. A younger sister age 8 and brother, age 3 were listed among eyewitnesses of the alleged attack.

Late in the afternoon, four of the children came running home crying and yelled: "A white man is trying to kill ..... (sister)," the mother said. The excited woman said she hurried to Gratis, a nearby community, to report the incident to Sheriff Doc Sorrells. Meanwhile, her 16 year old son went to look for his sister armed with a rifle.

According to the combined testimony of the witnesses, the white man came to the children in the woods and told them "their mother wanted us to help look for a red bull." He led them through a pasture and offered them whiskey, they said.

The young alleged rape victim claims her three-year old brother began crying and she picked him up; whereupon, "this white man took him from me and threw him to the ground."

Continuing, she said:

"He threw me to the ground and sprained my back. He took a knife and cut my dress and blue jeans off, cut off my pants and raped me."

The alleged rapist also reportedly forced the young girl to do other unnatural sexual acts with him, the girl said.

The witnesses said the white man had been to the family's home shortly before Christmas and had promised to send Santa Claus to see them.

The girl said, when her oldest brother came into the woods to rescue her, the white man ran after the boy fired several shots. To further aid in the man's identification and to hamper his escape the girl said, her brother pushed the white man's car off the road into a ditch and let the air out of of the tires. The car aided in identifying the suspect.

Sheriff C. J. (Doc) Sorrells, called to investigate the incident, advised the child's mother to swear out a warrant for the arrest of Meeks. The warrant was effected on the following Day December 27th. Then, in fear of reprisals, the mother whisked her family to Gainesville, Ga. The sheriff, however brought them back to Monroe for the hearing

WHITE MAN HELD AT MONROE FOR $500 BOND

Funds Lack May Hamper Drive To Save Mosley

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Atlanta, Ga.

By GEORGE M. COLEMAN

Efforts to save gospel singer Frederick Mosley from death by electrocution are bogging down because of complete lack of funds and unless help is forthcoming in the next few days a legal move toward gaining freedom may be impossible, it was learned yesterday.

As the case stands at present Mosley has 30 days before he may be re-sentenced to the chair in the rape-robbery of an Atlanta white woman.

Defense Attorneys William Hall and Clyde Henley said they have 30 days to file a bill of exceptions. Previous plans reportedly included taking the case to the Supreme Court of the United States if no relief was obtained in other places.

However, it has been revealed no funds to aid in the case have been forthcoming for the past five months. Legal steps, involving undetermined amounts of finance have been in operation since Oct. 6, 1953 when the young father and veteran was tried in Fulton Superior Court.

GOSPEL FUND ONLY SUPPORT

The case was never accepted by the local chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, and the sole source of finance during the months of legal maneuvers has been the Gospel Fund, composed of local gospel singing groups.

The young singer has been saved from the chair three times, once with a writ of habeas corpus charging violation of civil rights.

Defense attorneys insist Mosley was brought to trial with certain evidence withheld. A key woman witness, who pointed him out, was alleged to have previously declared a second man, of different size and complexion, was guilty.

This evidence was backed up by two city detectives who said this dual identification began in their presence.

An Extraordinary Motion, asking for a new trial on these same grounds was overruled recently. The Solicitor General's office offered testimony denying that Mosley did not have a fair trial.

Jury Indicts White Cabbie In Assault On Baby Sitter

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Atlanta, Ga.

A white 29-year-old cab driver was indicted Tuesday on charges of "assault with intent to rape" in connection with an attack on a 17-year-old Negro girl.

The young girl charged that Reynolds, driver of Blue and Grey Cab No. 35, made indecent advances toward her and then beat her when she would not cater to his wishes.

Reynolds admitted that he had been engaged by the girl's employer to carry the girl home. The girl, eight months pregnant, had been employed as baby sitter for a woman identified as Mrs. Gloria Childress of a Welch Street address.

The "true bill" brought by the Fulton County Grand Jury said Reynolds on March 6 did unlawfully make an assault on the person of a female, and did strike and beat the said female, all with intent to have carnal knowledge of and connection with the said female forcibly and against her will."

William R. Hardin, white, dispatcher of Blue and Grey Cab Co. was named as a witness in the case.

Also indicted was Fred "Fifty" Watson. He is charged with assault with intent to murder in the shooting of Johnny Evans, 32 Blvd, S. E.

Watson also was indicted on two counts of misdemeanor.

Put to Death In Slaying of Rome Girl

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Atlanta, Ga.

REIDSVILLE, April 13 (AP)—Willie Grady Cochran was electrocuted Friday for a crime that resulted in new Georgia laws against sex criminals.

Cochran, 37, a former Paulding County sawmill worker, paroled sex criminal and former mental patient, died at the state prison for the murder of a 14-year-old Rome school girl.

He went to his death with a prayer in his lips that God bless his family—"and everybody." He was pronounced lifeless at 10:25 a.m., afer eight minutes in the chair.

NEW LAWS

Two new sex crime laws came from Cochran's abduction, violation and slaying of the girl last June. One sets up a board of psychiatrists and other experts to advise the Pardon and Parole Board on handling sex criminals. It also authorizes the confinement of such offenders at the State Hospital for the Insane after they have completed their prison terms.

The other creates a statewide system of records on sex criminals.

The Rome girl was abducted from her home June 20 and her body found five days later in the Etowah River at Milam's Bridge in Bartow County. It was

wrapped in a quilt, tied with a heavy log chain and weighed down with a huge wrench.

WOUND IN BACK

A pistol bullet had been fired into the child's back.

Cochran admitted luring the girl away, violating and slaying her. He finally pointed out the spot where the body was found after giving officers several misleading accounts.

He was convicted of murder at Cartersville on July 15. Futile appeals were made to the State Supreme Court and the Pardon and Parole Board. His attorney said he could find no grounds for pressing an appeal in the federal courts.

Cochran had been sent to prison for rape, attempted, rape, forgery and robbery. He was a parolee from a 20-year rape sentence when the Rome girl was coaxed from home and killed.

He was confined for a year and a half in a criminally insane ward at the Milledgeville State Hospital but released as "free from psychosis."

Cochran Dies In Chair; No Explanation

Sat. 8-14-54
Atlanta Ga

REIDSVILLE, Ga.—(INS)—Willie Grady Cochran, offering no explanation for his crime to the last, died Friday in the electric chair at Reidsville for the kidnap-rape-murder of a 14year-old Rome, Ga., girl.

"I don't know why I did it—I just had an urge to kill," Cochran said. Patricia Ann Cook was lured from her home, assaulted and murdered and her body thrown into the Etowah River in Northwest Georgia.

Cochran asked for blessings of the almighty on his family. "God bless them all, and everybody," he said. Eight minutes after he was strapped into the electric chair, he was pronounced dead.

Cochran was on parole from the state penitentiary when the young Rome girl was kidnapped and killed. He had been sentenced to 20 years for rape in Bartow county. His conviction brought moves to reform procedure for release of sex offenders in Georgia.

State Court Upholds Conviction Of Mosley

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BY GEORGE M. COLEMAN

Frederick Mosley, condemned gospel singer, has lost his fifth attempt to win freedom from a death by electrocution verdict, his attorneys disclosed yesterday afternoon.

This became true, Attorney William Hall said, when the Georgia Supreme Court confirmed the conviction of the 24-year-old army veteran who had been sentenced to die three times for the alleged rape of two white women.

1954 TRIAL

Mosley was sentenced to die the first time, Oct. 7, 1954, by Fulton Superior Court Judge E. E. Andrews. Mr. Hall said the court actually sustained a later action by Judge Andrews when he overruled a motion for a new trial January 6 this year.

This motion had been brought on grounds that new evidence showed one of the women had identified more than one person as her attacker. The motion further hinted that Assistant Solicitor Frank French had known of the dual identification.

ATLANTA DETECTIVES

A portion of this testimony had been presented by two white Atlanta detectives who said they witnessed the previous identification. The woman denied this, and French denied he had suppressed any evidence.

It was upon this issue, Mr. Hall explained that the court held that, since testimonies were in conflict, the trial judge should make the decision. The decision, Hall said, had been previously made, when Judge Andrews overruled the motion in January.

Hall said the remaining possibility of saving Mosley's life, was to take the case before the Supreme Court of the United States. The case, whose defense was begun by a court appointed attorney, has been plagued during recent months by an apparent lack of funds.

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The Gospel Defense Fund, created by a combination of Gospel singing groups in Atlanta, have been the sole supporters of the young singer. The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People chose not to take part.

At his trial, Mosley was identified by a young white woman, who pointed him out as her attacker.

Mosley denied guilt in his unsworn statement, but the state produced a second woman who also accused him of attacking her in the same manner.

Detectives J. E. Helms and E. F. McKillop said they had previously carried this second woman before a lineup of Negro men, and she identified one who was later learned to positively be innocent. He was released, and she later pointed out Mosley. The officers said the two men were different in size, complexion and general makeup.

The first suspect was later located by the Atlanta Daily World, and he testified before Judge Andrews.

Mosley's case had also been taken before the Board of Pardons and Paroles but they overruled pleas for commutation of sentence.

Three Men Face Rape Charges

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Sat. 5-26-56

Three men, in seperate cases, face charges of criminally attacking females, one of whom was a 13-year-old girl, police reported.

Dets. H. E. Burdett and C. Chafin said Joseph Maxwell, 19, of 32 Butler St. N. E., was arrested Friday on charges or attempted rape of a 13-year-old girl. The girl had been given $1 and had been sent to purchase groceries when the assault occurred, police reported.

TWISTED ARM

Detectives quoted witnesses as saying Maxwell came to the street where the girl was passing, twisted her arm and took her money. He then went into the house and told the girl to come get the money, police were told.

A 30-year-old woman told officers she saw the suspect call the young girl into the house, reports indicated. Another woman said she saw him run from the house while police said.

Det. Burdett said a 30 year-old woman broke the door open and rescued the girl.

SIMILAR CASE

In a similar case, J. C. Anderson, 49, 16 Fort St., N. E., was bound over to the Grand Jury and placed under $5,000 bond for burglary. He was accused of breaking into the home of a 2-year-old woman and attempting to criminally assault her as she slept, reports indicted.

The victim told police she was able to identify her tormentor because he worked with her husband. The alleged act occurred around 9 p. m., Sunday.

THIRD ATTEMPT

The third alleged rape attempt brought the arrest of Villa James Drain, Jr. 22, of 1016 W. Paces Ferry Rd., N. W.

Ptl. B. F. Sheriff and C. R. Davis said Police Capt. E. B. Brooks heard the woman's screams and, upon investigating, saw Drain scuffling with the 20 year-old victim in an alley near Courtland and Auburn Ave.

Officers quoted the woman as saying her attacker pulled her into the alley and drew a knife on her.

Atlanta Officials Halt Gigantic Funeral For Executed Gospel Singer

Call
Kansas City, Mo.
Fri. 7-13-56

ATLANTA, Ga.—(ANP)—City officials Thursday halted plans for a gigantic funeral from Atlanta's Municipal auditorium for a gospel singer executed for the rape of a white woman.

The public display preceding burial of Frederick Mosely, 25, who was executed at Reidsville state prison a week ago last Friday, gave indications of becoming the biggest funeral in Atlanta in years.

Since the return of Mosley's body from state prison last Saturday, more than 20,000 persons had passed his bier.

Mosley's friend arranged for funeral services in the city auditorienemy, the well-heeled foe who would force integration on the unwilling South.

Both the CIO and AFL insist, however, that no money has come from their national treasuries for the NAACP, either before or after their merger.

Union officials said last February in their Miami Beach meeting that "the Citizens Councils are not only seeking to divide the cities of the South on the basis of race, they are exploiting racial prejudice to divide workers."

Shortly after this statement, AFL-CIO leaders in Rome, Ga., wired rape in 1954 of two white women at a laundry pickup station in Atlanta. He went to his death declaring: "I did not commit the crimes."

Thousands of Atlanta Negro citizens contributed to his defense fund after he professed his innocence and claimed the woman victim earlier identified another man as her attacker.

Negro Faces Death in Georgia For Raping White Woman

Kansas City, Mo.
Fri. 10-2-36

MARIETTA, Ga.—(ANP)—Following an unsuccessful appeal to the Georgia Supreme court, a Negro man convicted of raping a white woman was doomed last week to die in the electric chair on Nov. 8.

The man, Amos Reece, had been previously convicted for the same offense on the same woman, but the U. S. Supreme court dismissed the conviction when it ruled that the jury for Reece's trial was not properly selected.

Still later, he was convicted again for the same offense, same woman, and again the conviction was dismissed.

The state of Georgia finally succeeded in getting Reece last week after the state high court turned down the appeal for another trial.

Judge James T. Manning of Cobb superior court here sentenced Reece to die at Georgia State prison, Reidsville.

The state charged that he left his road grading machine while working in October, 1953, entered the home of a white woman and raped her.

15,000 Defender In Atlanta Chicago Ill. View Body Sat. 7-14-56

ATLANTA — Funeral services were finally held Thursday for a widely-known gospel singer who died in the electric chair last Saturday following his conviction on charges of raping a white woman.

Rites for Frederick Mosley were finally held at one of the local Baptist churches (Little Friendship) here with about 1,000 persons attending after use of the City Auditorium was denied for the funeral.

Mosely was eulogied as a faithful church-goer, a good Christian and "a symbol and challenge" to others of his race, during the hour-long service in the modest church.

CHALLENGE TO NEGROES

Speakers called upon members of Atlanta's Negro community to look closely at Georgia's laws and elective officials.

"Mosley didn't have a chance," Harrison Smith told the throng, to the accompaniment of "Amens."

"He was guilty before he walked into that court," Smith continued. But Smith told the mourners they should not feel bitter over Mosley's death, but should take it as a lesson for future guidance. Smith added:

"His life was sacrificed to the gods of misunderstanding, to the gods of hatred. But don't lose hope. Mosley did not lose hope that some day justice would triumph. Just as a simple, humble man had done 1956 years ago, he said, 'I pray for those who wrongfully accuse.'"

PROTESTED INNOCENCE

Mosley was accused of assaulting a white woman at gun point. She was a laundry-station clerk. He insisted until his death that he was innocent. At one point during the service, the executed man's mother, Mrs. Cora Lee Mosley, cried out:

"Oh, no, my boy did not do that . . . he did not do that."

She had to be revived several times during the service with smelling salts. Seated beside her was Mosley's young widow. Her eyes never left the flower-blanketed bronze casket a few feet in front of her.

Silent tears trickled down her face.

Five women went into hysterics during the rites and several others fainted, and had to be carried from the church to the outside where a crowd filled both sides of the walk and jammed the front of the edifice. A public address system carried the music and eulogy to them.

SCAN LAWS

Paul Brown, newspaper and radio man, told the throng:

"It is time to take a long look at our laws and leaders. Our laws must be rewritten to apply justice and equality to all men, regardless of race."

William Wright declared:

"We have had our eyes elsewhere, and now we find there is much for us to do here at home. His death has actually opened all of your eyes. There is a book now being written, and it not closed yet. We're going to do something about that. We cannot close the book until we find the ending."

$15,000 REVIEW BODY

Originally the funeral was to have been held at another local church, but when more than 15,000 persons viewed the body at a local funeral parlor, it was decided to move the service to a larger place.

Arrangements were then made to use the auditorium. But H. H. Niebruegge, auditorium manager, cancelled permission for its use after conferences with members of the aldermanic board.

He explained: "The committee felt that the auditorium just was not the proper place to conduct a funeral."

The 25-year-old Mosley was a former singer with a gospel quartet.

During his trial and before his execution, thousands of Atlanta citizens had contributed to his defense fund.

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7 Attack Sentences Shocking--Germans

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Baltimore

WUERZBURG, Germany — The Germans were shocked by the severity of sentences given seven soldiers here last week for criminally attacking a 15-year-old schoolgirl.

Four of the soldiers, all colored, were given life sentences at hard labor and the other three were sentenced to serve 40 years at hard labor, all of the sentences carrying dishonorable discharges.

There was an audible gasp among spectators as the first life sentence was announced by the court martial which had deliberated five hours before announcing the sentences.

The men who received life sentences, dishonorable discharges and forfeiture of all pay are:

PVT. JAMES GORDON, 23, Alachua, Fla., accused of urging the others to seize the girl; Pfc. Fred R. Chandler, 21, Kansas City; Pvts. Melvin S. Carter, 24, Harrisonburg, Va., and Clifton Franks, 21, Omaha, Neb.

Given 40-year terms, dishonorable discharges and loss of pay were Pfc. James E. Wilson Jr., 18, Wilmington, Del.; Pvt. Raymond I. Kasey, 18, Roanoke, Va., and Pfc. Edward L. Brown, 18, Norwich, Conn.

Early German reaction was shock at the severity of the sentences in the case which has stirred the whole German nation.

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MAJ. LEONARD PETKOFF, attorney for the men, said the verdict against them was bad. But, he added, "I saved their lives."

William Hopf, chief prosecutor for Bavaria, who sat in on the case as an official observer, said the sentence for a similar offense would be from one to 15 years in a German court.

"I am shaken. I am deeply impressed by the sharpness of the sentences that would not have been possible in a German court," said Mr. Hopf who, called as a defense witness, said Germans would give the men from one to 15 years.

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FOLLOWING THE courtmartial sentencing, the men were placed in an Army van, their wrists manacled behind them in handcuffs, and taken away, to be carried first to the Army prison at Mannheim.

Feeling here may force modification of the German-American troop stationing agreement to permit the Germans themselves to try such cases in the future.

Negro Soldier On Rape Trial Called Moron

soldier, Montgomery, Ala. Adv. 8-12-56

WUERZBURG, Germany, Aug. 11 (AP)—A U. S. Army psychiatrist testified today that one of the seven Negro soldiers on trial for the alleged rape of a teen-age German schoolgirl has the mentality of a 7½ year-old child.

Dr. James L. Hedlund, attached to the Army's 97th General Hospital in Frankfurt, said he made an examination of Pvt. Clifton Franks 21, of Omaha, Neb., one of the defendants.

The doctor took the stand shortly before the prosecution introduced a statement by Franks describing the events of the night of last July 9.

The girl, whohe name was withheld, testified earlier that she was raped five times by several American soldiers.

All seven defendants have pleaded innocent. They face a maximum sentence of death if they are convicted.

The Army doctor said an examination showed that Pfc. Fred R. Chandler, 21, of Kanhas City, Mo., a defendant, had the mentality of a 10-year-old.

Other defendants are Pvt. James Gordon, 23, Alachua, Fla., Pfc. Edward L. Brown, 18, Norwich, Conn., Pvt. Melvin F. Carter, 24, Harrisonburg, Va., Pfc. James E. Wilson Jr., 18, Wilmington, Del., and Pfc. Raymond L. Kasey, 18, Roanoke, Va.

a wooded area about a half mile from her home. Police said Cooley had a gun but did not resist.

Mrs. Drepperd's husband Air Force Sgt. Robert Drepperd, 26, was shot twice by the slightly-built, blond intruder who knocked on the door and asked in Russian or Polish accent for a glass of water.

Police said Cooley's claim that he was a Russian flier was a "hoax."

. Navy Chief Petty Officer Sherman Rimer, one of 200 police and volunteers searching for the kidnaper, spotted Cooley and Mrs. Drepperd shortly after 2 p.m. He summoned State Trooper Hubert Sexton who disarmed Cooley.

Drepperd was in critical condition and was unable to give further details of the abduction of his wife by the stranger who, Drepperd said, wore a pale-green high-collared uniform of plastic or rubber with a block Sam Brown belt.

He said the gunman wore a sports shirt under the uniform and had on black loafer shoes.

'RUSSIAN FLIER'

Drepperd said the kidnaper first identified himself as a state policeman but later said he was a Russian flier who had been shot down. The Office of Strategic Information joined the investigation on the kidnaper's statement that he was a Russian airman.

Tells of Shooting

The sergeant said the intruder shot him in the right hand and cheek, then knelt beside him on the floor to feel his pulse and said, "when you come to, your wife will be dead."

Drepperd is a veteran of the Korean War and presently assigned to the Air Force school detachment at Yale University where he has been studying foreign language. The .38-caliber bullet lodged in Drepperd's throat and he underwent surgery at a Middletown hospital to have it removed.

Police said Drepperd's 27-year-old wife, Grace, was clad only in blue jean shorts, a white blouse and possibly a coat when the man forced her from the home and into nearby woods.

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Police were notified of the shooting by a neighbor, and they found Drepperd wounded. The couple's 19-month-old child, Steven, was unharmed.

Drepperd said he and his wife were watching television when the man knocked on the door. After he got him a glass of water, the sergeant said the man told him "You lousy Americans have all the money."

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Claim Innocent Men Executed: Freedom Sought for 3rd Man

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SEATTLE, Wash.—Eighteen months of intensive investigation into the facts surrounding the Robert Burns-Herman Dennis case on Guam in 1954 has resulted in a local attorney's claim that the defendants were innocent of the charges.

In a letter to the Courier, Atty. Jay G. Sykes said that he and Ira Cardiff, who first brought the case to the Courier's attention have information which points to the innocence of the accused men.

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Calvin Dennis, a third defendant in the case, is still alive, having been incarcerated at the Federal Penitentiary at Lewisburg, Pa., for life. Burns and Herman Dennis were executed for the crime which Attorney Sykes claims they did not commit.

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ATTORNEY Sykes says that he will institute habeas corpus procedings on behalf of Calvin Dennis. His letter to the Courier is as follows:

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JAY G. SYKES
1708 Smith Tower
Seattle 4, Wash.

——BIGGEST and the BEST——

To the Editor:

Two years ago the Courier was engaged in a courageous fight to save the lives of two Air Force men, Robert Burns and Herman Dennis, who were then awaiting execution for their alleged participation in the rape-murder of Ruth Farnsworth on Guam.

Courier readers will remember the moving and tragic story told by Burns ("I Solemnly Swear") which described in detail a brutal miscarriage of justice.

Burns and Herman Dennis were executed on Jan. 27, 1954. The third man in the case, Calvin Dennis, is serving a life sentence at the Federal Penitentiary at Lewisburg, Pa. For the past year-and-a-half, I have been investigating this case and have come across much information that corroborates the story told by Burns and that points to the conclusion that all three men were innocent and were the tragic victims of a frame-up.

I have affidavits that charge the following: That both Herman and Calvin Dennis were, like Burns, physically beaten and coerced into confessing, and that both later repudiated their confessions, that neither Burns nor Calvin Dennis were permitted to testify at their trials; that the defense attorney originally assigned to the three men gathered much evidence pointing to their innocence, that this attorney was himself arrested, the evidence removed from his quarters, and he was not permitted to defend the men; that several persons overheard Inspector Riedel and Commander Hackett admit beating the Dennises to get their confessions.

On the basis of this and other information, I plan to take Calvin Dennis' case into Federal Court on a writ of habeas corpus and seek to have him freed within the next three or four months.

The more information I have on the case, the better will be the prospects for freeing Dennis (and vindicating the other two men).

I would appreciate it very much if any Courier readers—or anyone else—who know anything at all about this case, or who have any information that might help, would write me at the address be-

Grand jury indicts Jet managing editor

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Baltimore, Md.

(Special to the AFRO)

CHICAGO—True bills charging criminal attack and contributing to the delinquency of a minor were returned against Vincent Tubbs, managing editor of Jet Magazine, by a Cook County grand jury late Tuesday.

Mr. Tubbs has been charged by police with attacking a 16-year-old Catholic school girl who allegedly came to his apartment in fashionable Lake Meadows to sell him candy for a charity project.

The grand jury action came after States Attorney John Gutknecht personally appeared before Felony Court Judge J. Schiller and stated that the case was being sent directly to the grand jury.

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UNDER ILLINOIS law the case could have gone to the grand jury either upon the direction of the judge or upon the direction action of the state's attorney.

Gutknecht took the latter course and in taking this unusual action gave credence to the feeling that Catholic and Lake Meadows community groups are exerting pressure in the case.

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IF CONVICTED, Tubbs could receive a sentence of 20 years on the attack charge and a $200 fine, plus a six-month jail term on the charge of contributing.

Tubbs, president of the Windy City Press Club, is free on $10,000 bond. The case is set for hearing May 28. Tubbs was represented by Earl Stayhorn, attorney.

PAROLEE GETS 3 TO 8 YEARS IN RAPE ATTEMPT

Edward Unbehaun, 30, of 2913 N. Racine av., a parolee, charged with assault to rape, pleaded guilty before Judge Leslie H. Salter in Criminal court yesterday and was sentenced to three to eight years in the penitentiary.

Salter was told that Unbehaun also will have to serve three more years, the unexpired portion of a five to 10 year sentence for auto theft on which he was paroled Oct. 21, 1955.

Unbehaun on May 28 broke into a N. Winchester av. apartment and attempted to molest a 20 year old Texas co-ed who was a guest there. She recalled having seen him in the building on a moving job. Police traced Unbehaun and put a watch on his home. When he appeared and the police tried to arrest him, he jumped from a third floor window, fracturing one leg, and hobbled half a block before he was seized.

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GI PLEADS GUILTY TO RAPE-MURDER

James Lecayne

Negro Given 199 Years in Chicago Slaying

Wed. 1-4-56

(Chicago Daily News Service)

CHICAGO, Ill., Jan. 3—Pvt. Henry Matthews, Negro, 17, pleaded guilty Tuesday and was sentenced to 199 years in prison for the Aug. 6 rape-murder of a 17-year-old white girl on Chicago's lakefront.

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New Orleans, La.

Sentence was passed by Judge Thomas E. Kluczynski in criminal court after a hearing in which Harold Tyler, defense counsel, charged:

"The responsibility was not all his. He was 17, a sort of ward of the government. A certain amount of protection should have been given by the Army."

Matthews, dressed in a civilian suit, was solemn and appeared unmoved as sentence was passed.

Lie Detector Test

The judge said he "would not have hesitated to inflict the death penalty" if Matthews had not pleaded guilty to the rape-murder.

Matthews broke down during a lie detector test Aug. 11 and admitted the slaying, police said.

He said he struck and strangled the girl, a high school senior, and left her body in the bushes in Calumet Park, near Lake Michigan.

Matthews, whose home is in Detroit, said he had had "10 or 12 beers" and a shot of whiskey at a soldiers' dance in the mess hall of A Battery, 734th Anti-Aircraft Artillery Battalion. He was a member of the outfit, stationed in the park.

Walked Into Park

Matthews, a husky youth, told police he left the dance and walked into the park after drinking the beer and whiskey. He met the girl, who had left the dance because her soldier escort had become drunk.

When she threatened to tell her father, a railroad engineer, of Matthews' advances, he struck her several times. Matthews returned to his barracks and went to bed. The girl's body was found the next day.

The trial was originally set for Nov. 2. It was continued until Dec. 1 when it was held on call until Dec. 5, before being set for Tuesday.

Free At Last

Defender Chicago, Ill.

Man Wrongly Jailed Four Years Starts Life Anew

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Life for Harold Miller this week took on all the sweetness of the candy he used to mix before he spent four years in prison for a crime of which he was falsely accused and convinced — a crime which in all likelihood was only the figment of a tortured mind.

Before his four-year nightmare began, Miller, who is now 31, was a chocolate mixer at a candy company. Quiet and unassuming, he lived with his mother, relaxed after work with his friends and engaged in the usual activities of any normal Chicagoan.

RIDING A BUS

One fall night in 1951, Miller was riding a bus, unaware that a woman passenger was pointing him out to her husband as the man who had raped her four nights before. When he left the bus he was trailed by the husband of Mrs. Barbara Latimore, while she rushed to call the police.

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Arrested, Miller was accused of having accosted Mrs. Latimore in a vacant lot, dragging her to the rear porch of a house at 3429 S. Indiana ave., and attacking her.

The testimony of five friends—who took lie detector tests—that the accused man had been with them at the time of the alleged rape bore little weight with the police.

Miller was brought to trial, and on May 2, 1952 was sent to prison.

HAD FAITH IN HIM

But there were people who believed in his innocence. Jim McGuire, Sun-Times reporter; Roy Woods, Millers stepfather, Charles Lieman, his attorney; and Ken Doughty of the Civil Liberties committee worked tirelessly to clear him.

McGuire died, but the others persevered. They found that Mrs. Latimore was a chronic schizophrenic, who was capable of making even the most fantastic lies sound plausible. Two years after the alleged attack she was committed to Manteno for a series of shock treatments.

She was released conditionally in Feb. 1954, and her discharge became permanent one year later.

NEW TRIAL PLEA

On November 10, armed with the information about Mrs. Latimore's mental condition, and with the fact that a medical examination had failed to substantiate the claim of rape, Liebman asked Judge A. Sbarbaro, who had sentenced Miller, for a new trial.

Judge Sbarbaro refused the request and Liebman appealed to the Illinois Supreme Court, which ordered a new trial.

Last week, three psychiatrists and a psychologist explained to Judge Sbarbaro the mental delusions under which Mrs. Latimore was suffering at the time of the accusation and pointed out that Miller had been convicted on her testimony alone.

AN INJUSTICE

Judge Sbarbaro said he would hold a new trial and declared that the conviction had been "an injustice to the individual and to the community."

Miller will not have to endure the ordeal of a new trial, because Assistant States Prosecutor Francis Riley said the state will not re-open the case.

With tears in his eyes, Miller thanked the people who had worked to free him — all that is, except Jim McGuire. But Mrs. McGuire knew how her husband would have felt. She said:

JIM NOT PRESENT

"It is wonderful. I am sad to think that Jim was not present, but I feel that he won from the grave. This is the third man he had gotten out of prison."

As for Miller, he has no ill-feeling toward anybody. He summed up his ordeal this way:

"I believe in God and trusted Him all the way. At times, when everything seemed hopeless, I lost faith, but each time it was quickly restored."

Harold Miller was the unfortunate victim of a sad miscarriage of justice. Back home with his mother at 7325 South Parkway, he is adjusting himself to the fact that the future holds more for him than the prospect of life in prison.

He does not know if he will go back to making candy, but of one thing he is certain — life itself had never been so sweet.

FREED OF RAPE CHARGE AFTER 4 YEARS IN JAIL

Daily Tribune

Woman Found to Be Mentally Ill

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Harold Miller, 30, who has been confined in Joliet penitentiary for almost four years of a life sentence for rape, was freed in Superior court yesterday after witnesses testified the alleged victim was mentally ill prior to the alleged attack

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Miller [right] has handcuffs removed by Sgt. E. J. Donnell.

and during her court testimony and that there was no physical evidence of rape.

Judge John A. Sbarbaro, who freed Miller by ordering a new trial and then approving a prosecution move to nolle pross the rape charge, described Miller's conviction and imprisonment as a "grave injustice to him as well as to the whole community. The judge also criticized Miller's former defense counsel, Matthew L. Moran, for not "availing himself of the records and evidence which existed then as now."

Chicago, Ill.

Blocks 2 Hearings

The judge convicted and sentenced Miller on April 30, 1952, and had blocked Miller's bid for freedom in two subsequent postconviction hearings. Last January, the Illinois Supreme court ordered Judge Sbarbaro to reopen the second hearing to consider new evidence.

Miller, formerly of 600 E. 51st st., was accused by Mrs. Barbara Latimore. 30, of raping her in a vacant lot near 85th st. and Indiana av., Oct. 26, 1951. Miller denied the charge saying he was watching television in the home of friends at 4938 Prairie av. during the time the attack allegedly took place.

Three psychiatrists and a psychologist testified they examined Mrs. Latimore in November, 1953, and found her a chronic schizophrenic who suffere delusions and that this condition had existed prior to the time of the alleged attack.

"Could Have Imagined It"

They said further, the judge's opinion said that Mrs. Latimore "could very well have imagined that she had been raped when in fact she had not been" and that she could relate "the facts of such a rape" in a "plausible demeanor sufficient to deceive her husband, the police, the state's attorney, defending counsel, and the court."

A fifth witness, Dr. Peter Pulos, a physician formerly assigned to County hospital, said he examined Mrs. Latimore after the rape was reported and found no physical evidence to substantiate the charge. Judge

Sbarbaro said this was Dr. Pulos' first appearance in court as a witness.

Released from Manteno

Mrs. Latimore was committed to Manteno state hospital in November, 1953, was released in February, 1955, and lives on a farm near Harvey, witnesses told the court.

Miller was prosecuted by Robert Zadek and Theodore Arjaris, former assistant state's attorneys, who have resigned. Zadek now is a Chicago police sergeant.

Miler, who had served a year in Joliet in 1947 on a previous rape conviction, said yesterday he "never gave up praying that he would be vindicated

Freed after serving 4 years of life term on woman's charge

CHICAGO (NNPA) — Harold Miller, 30, who spent four years of a life sentence for rape in Joliet Penitentiary, was freed in Superior Court Friday after witnesses testified the alleged victim was mentally ill prior to the alleged attack and during her court testimony and that there was no physical evidence of rape.

Judge John A. Sbarbaro freed Miller by ordering a new trial and then granting a prosecution motion to drop the rape charge.

He described Miller's conviction and imprisonment as a "grave injustice" and cricitized Miller's former defense counsel, Matthew L. Moran, for not "availing himself of the records and evidence which existed then as now."

FREE AT LAST — Harold Miller, 31, walked out of Superior court in Chicago a free man Friday after serving almost four years of a life sentence for rape. Miller was convicted on the testimony of a 30-year-old woman who witnesses testified was mentally ill prior to the alleged attack. Here Miller is congratulated by his stepfather and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Woods.

Chicagoan Sentenced To Life For Rape Is Freed

The prospect of spending the rest of his life in prison no longer hangs over 31-year-old Harold Miller. But he is unlikely to forget his experience as an inmate of the Illinois State Penitentiary since June 15, 1952—sent there on a life sentence on the testimony of a woman who claimed he assaulted her.

It's all a memory now, though. Miller is free again — with the State's Attorney's office having decided not to go through with a new trial ordered by Superior Court Judge John A. Sbarbaro in Chicago.

At Miller's trial four years ago, two witnesses testified that he was watching television with them the night of the alleged attack on 24-year-old Barbara Latimore. But Mrs. Latimore insisted that she had been able to recognize Miller on a bus four days later as the guilty man.

An American Civil Liberties Union attorney, Charles Liebman, and a newspaperman, the Sun Times' Jimmy McGuire — of "Call Northside 777" fame — did not accept the guilty verdict as ending the case, however.

They learned that clear medical evidence of the attack was lacking. And when, two years later, Mrs. Lattimore was committed to the Manteno State Mental Hospital they asked Judge Sbarbaro, who had handed down the original verdict, to reopen the case.

They pointed out the psychiatrists at the mental hospital were prepared to testify that Mrs. Latimore's illness was such that it made it possible for her to fabricate stories so convincing their truth or falsity could not be determined even by a psychiatrist without additional ways to check them. Her story had been unsupported by any other testimony at the trial.

But Judge Sbabaro refused a new trial.

Then the State Supreme Court ordered him to reconsider that decision. And today the judge ruled that he would retry the case. But Assistant State's Attorney Francis Riley told the court it would not be necessary, the prosecution would not press the charge against Miller.

So Miller walked out of the courtroom a free man.

He told newsmen—"I have no ill feeling toward anybody. I prayed every day. I was discouraged lots of times, but I never gave up praying. And now I'm just glad to be free."

Miller said only one thing marred his happiness. Jimmy McGuire wasn't here to see his faith in Miller's innocence vindicated. He died last year.

JET EX-EDITOR TO FACE RAPE CHARGE TODAY

Vincent Tubbs, 40, of 533 E. 33d pl., former managing editor of Jet magazine, will be arraigned in Criminal court today on a charge of raping and contributing to the delinquency of a 18 year old high school girl.

The girl told police she was selling souvenirs and candy to March 14 when she rang the doorbell of Tubbs' apartment. She lives in the same building in the same building with her parents. She said he had company and only a $20 bill, and asked her to return later when he would have change.

When she returned that night, she said, Tubbs had his radio on at high volume. She said he dragged her into the apartment, made her dance with him, and then raped her.

Rape Case Life Term Is Set Aside

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Judge L. R. Curtis yesterday set aside a life sentence given Clarence M. Chapman, 33, in Criminal Court February 17 when a jury found him guilty on a rape charge.

Chapman, 1513 Bishop Lane, then pleaded guilty yesterday to a charge of detaining a female and was sentenced to seven years in prison by Judge Curtis.

Judge Curtis granted Chapman's motion for a new trial after his attorney, Wilson Beatty, charged that the Commonwealth was guilty of improper questioning of witnesses.

Chapman, a World War II veteran who lost his left arm in the South Pacific, was charged with raping an 11-year-old girl on June 24, 1955, at the office of the construction company where he works.

2d Trial Jury Finds Pastor Guilty of Rape

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Meland To Appeal 20-Year Sentence

Jackson, Ky., March 23 (AP)—The Rev. Harold Meland today was given a 20-year prison term in his second trial for raping a ward of a Breathitt County children's home he once headed.

A Breathitt Circuit Court jury deliberated about an hour before convicting him. Meland immediately filed notice of appeal and was released under $7,500 bond.

Testimony was substantially the same as at his first trial, when Meland was given a life sentence. The Court of Appeals reversed the November 16, 1954, conviction and granted him a new trial.

Says He Forced Her

A girl, who now about 18 years old, charged that Meland forced her to have sexual relations with his several times in 1953, when she lived at the home.

She said she did not bring charges immediately because she was afraid. Meland left the Bethel Children's Home at Noble in February 1953, after heading it about 4½ years.

He was indicted in August, 1954, for rape. An indictment on similar charges made against him by a second former ward of the home are pending in court here.

Lives In Louisville

Meland was pastor of a church at Okeene, Okla., when he was indicted but has been living in Louisville since being released from prison. He denied the charges.

A group of teachers at the institution and others interested in it testified today that in a conference before Meland left the home he admitted being intimate with the girl, but promised "to be a better daddy to the children" in the future.

Man Sentenced For Rape Attempt

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A 35-year-old man pleaded guilty to attempted rape and received a 10-year sentence to the State Reformatory near La Grange in Criminal Court yesterday.

Andrain Grooms, 639 E. Main, was charged with attacking a 10-year-old girl at his home last month. Judge L. R. Curtis amended the charge from rape before sentencing Grooms.

In another case, Judge Curtis sentenced Earl Joseph Burks, 26, of 203 S. Eighth, to the reformatory for three years. Burks pleaded guilty to uttering a worthless check.

Records show he gave a worthless check for $54 to William D. Schultz, 918 S. Sixth, in December, 1955.

Four Indicted For Rape And Robbery

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Men Also Accused Of Beating Motorist

Four men charged with raping a 32-year-old housewife and beating and robbing her husband yesterday were indicted by the grand jury on charges of rape and armed robbery.

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The men are:

William R. Ford, 24, of 2728 New High; Cletus R. Watkins, 22, of 203 E. Wampum; Jessie W. Jacobs, 21, of 205 Mohawk, and William D. Lewis, 20, of 451 Chicopee.

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The alleged offenses occurred at 1:30 a.m. June 1 while the woman and her husband, also 32, were sitting in their parked car on Boxley near Helm. They parked there because the battery was dead.

Woman Escapes

The four beat and robbed the man of $12, then abducted his wife and drove to the area of Crittenden Drive and Phillips Lane where they raped her, police reported.

She escaped later and reported the incident to police. Police traced the men by three digits of the license number and a description of the auto given them by the woman.

The grand jury also indicted two men accused of robbing and assaulting a Jeffersonville, Ind., man on Lime Kiln Lane near Upper River Road last Saturday.

Told of Dice Game

George E. Mathis, 31, no address, and Samuel Ben Haines, 26, of 211 E. Gray, were indicted for assault with intent to rob.

Mathis, who was released from the State Reformatory June 11 after serving 27 months of a three-year sentence, also was indicted as a habitual criminal.

James Johnson, 37, told police the pair approached him in a cafe and told him they knew where a crap game was in progress. Johnson agreed to go with them to the game, police reported, but when they reached Lime Kiln Lane the men hit him with a beer bottle and took Johnson's auto, wrist watch, and $7.

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Man Is Indicted In Rape of Girl, 3

A Montgomery County grand jury Wednesday indicted George LeaHoot Cole, jr., 23, in the raping of a 13-year-old Silver Spring girl last November 29.

The jury, in a special one-day session, also returned indictments charging an 18-year-old Darnestown youth with murdering his father, and a 21-year-old Navy corpsman with the rape of a 40-year-old Rockville woman.

Cole, an ex-convict, has been jailed without bond since his arrest on December 2 by Silver Spring detectives.

The attack occured in a house under construction in the Silver Spring area.

Bennie Lee Slack, of Darnestown was charged with killing his father, Robert Elmer Slack, on December 13, after terrorizing the family of Sumner Wood, Rockville attorney, on the Wood estate in Darnestown. The grand jury also indicted the youth on charges of assualt with intent to murder Mrs. Wood and her son, Brooks 14.

The sailor charged with rape is James Allen Bock, of Bridgeville, Pa., formerly stationed at Bethesda Naval Hospital. Arrested on December 23, he is accused of raping and robbing a Rockville housewife on October 17 on the grounds of the West Rockville Elementary School.

Athlete freed in coed case

BALTIMORE

"Now, Pratt, you were found guilty by me of assault. It is a most unfortunate case from the standpoint of you and from the standpoint of your school.

"The case has given me a great deal of concern, to such an extent that I postponed disposing of it yesterday."

Judge James K. Cullen, whose stern voice reverberated over a crowded courtroom Wednesday, was rendering a decision in the case against William Merrill Pratt, 20-year-old freshman star athlete at Morgan State College.

Pratt was one of five Morgan freshmen accused of the May 14 "lover's lane" rape of a 19-year-old coed from Pittsburgh, Pa.

He was tried before Judge Cullen and found guilty of assault on June 20.

The jurist said at that time that "I think it is a very aggrevated case of assault."

Charges against the other youths in the case have not been disposed of.

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IN HIS VERBAL opinion Wednesday Judge Cullen said:

"Your expulsion from college, the loss of one year of your college career and your failure to make the Olympics in California has certainly been very unfortunate for you and has a remedial effect.

"The Probation Department tells me from the social standpoint further embarrassment will be detrimental rather than beneficial to you.

"With all that in mind I'm going to assume a very serious responsibility for the public and strike out your guilty verdict and give you probation without a verdict."

When the judge handed down his decision the Palmyra, N.J., youth who wore a dark sports coat and gray trousers, breathed a sigh of relief.

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ALSO EXPRESSING joy at the decision was the youth's mother, Mrs. Mary Pratt, who accompanied him here from Palmyra.

"That was the most we could hope for," said W. Emerson Brown, who represented Pratt at the trial which gained national attention.

Under the terms of the decision Pratt will be on probation for one year. He will be supervised by New Jersey authorities in cooperation with the Probation Department here. The verdict wipes out a criminal conviction.

"I was very pleased about it," beamed Mrs. Pratt outside the courtroom.

"It was a very unfortunate incident," she said. "It was unfortunate for the girl, the boys and the school."

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MRS. PRATT told the AFRO that since the trial in June her son has been working at a Palmyra tailor shop and the Riverton Country Club, also located there.

"I don't know what he's going to do yet," she said when asked about her son's plans for returning to college. "He doesn't talk very much."

Referring to the recent California Olympic tryouts where Pratt finished fourth in the hurdles, Mrs. Pratt said, "He was very disappointed about that."

W. MERRILL PRATT
Gets probtion without a verdict in coed assault case

Miss Mary E. Harper accused Pratt of forcing her into submission on the back seat of a car parked near Morgan Stadium.

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FOUR OTHER Morgan students were arrested and charged. They were:

Stephen S. Thomas, 19, East Orange, N.J., charged with rape and accessory before the fact;

Sterling M. Parker, 19, Fairmount Heights, Md., conspiring to commit rape and accessory before the fact;

Kenneth W. Parker, 18, Dobbs, Md., conspiracy to commit rape and accessory before the fact;

Allen E. Jones, 19, New Rochelle, N.Y., conspiracy to commit rape and accessory before the fact.

Miss Harper and the five youths were expelled from Morgan following disclosure of the incident.

According to testimony at the trial Miss Harper went riding with John (Bobby) Lee, son of the business manager at Fla. A. and M. College and a nephew of a Morgan professor, in a car driven by Pratt.

The girl said when they drove back to the campus the car was parked near the stadium where the alleged attack occurred.

Lee testified that his roommate, Pratt, and the other youths forced him out of the car during the alleged rape.

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MOUNTING INDIGNATION SEEN AS THREE WHITE MEN ARE HELD UNDER $5000 BONDS FOR THE KIDNAPPING AND RAPE OF A SIXTEEN-YEAR-OLD NEGRO GIRL

Girl In Hospital Causes Delay In Preliminary Hearing Of Case

Trial Seen Awaiting Action Of October Session Of Grand Jury

Magnolia, Miss. May 15.—(DSN)—With signs of mounting indignation of responsible citizens throughout the state, the Pike County Citizens Council Tuesday pledged its support in bringing to justice three white men who confessed the kidnaping and rape of a 16-year-old Negro girl.

Condemning the attack as "atrocious" the council's board of directors met Monday night and said it deplored such violations regardless of whether white or Negro persons were the victims.

The assault "violates every principle for which the council stands," George Burt, Jr., a spokesman for the pro-segregation council, said.

The council praised police for their quick arrests of the white men. The board said it has a legal committee to help authorities in such incidents.

County Attorney Joe Piggott said the attack has "been revolting to the white people."

He said the men await the action of the next session of the grand jury which convenes the second Monday in October.

Should the men be indicted by the grand jury, they would appear before Circuit Judge Tom Brady, one of Mississippi's most ardent pro-segregationists and the author of "Black Monday."

County Atty. Piggott said none of the men have retained attorneys. He said that a preliminary hearing has not been set because the Negro girl was hospitalized and is not yet able to testify.

He opined that the men would waive a preliminary hearing anyhow.

None of the men have posted bond, he said.

According to reports the three white men kidnapped and raped the 16-year-old girl Sunday, after telling her they were police officers and that she was under arrest.

The three men, one of whom works in Jackson, signed statements Monday admitting they raped the Negro girl, according to Sheriff Bill Andrews.

ing the girl from her farm home Sunday morning to a wooded area where, she told officers, three of them raped her.

The Pike County Citizens Council condemned the action as "atrocious." In Jackson, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People praised the work of Pike and Walthall County officers in the case.

The NAACP, through Secretary Medger Evers, said, however, that "justice is done not merely by bringing one before its bars, but rather by justice to the offenders as is prescribed by law."

BONDS WITHDRAWN IN CRIMINAL ASSAULT

Four White Mississippians Face October Trial

M'COMB, (Miss.) May 16.—(AP)—The law changed its mind Wednesday and decided there can be no bond for four white men held in connection with the kidnap and criminal assault on a 16-year-old Negro girl.

Dist. Atty. Mike Carr said the men would be held without bond until the October term of court. They were arrested Sunday.

Originally, bond was set at $5,000 each for the three men charged with both kidnaping and rape: Ernest Dillon, 29, of McComb; Olen Duncan, 21, Salem; and Duroe Duncan, 20, Tylertown.

Bond of $2,500 was set for Ollie Dillon, 44, brother of Ernest, who was charged with kidnaping. The Duncans are cousins.

The four are charged with tak-

NEGRO IS CONVICTED FOR RAPE, ROBBERY

Holmes County Jury Is Out Only Two Minutes

LEXINGTON, Miss., April 18. —(UP) — An all-white Holmes County jury took just two minutes Wednesday to find a 34-year-old Negro guilty of raping and robbing an elderly white woman last Dec.

Mack Drake, an ex-convict who once served time in Iowa for second degree murder, sat calmly as Circuit Court Judge Arthur Jordan meted out the mandatory death penalty.

Judge Jordan sentenced the Negro to die in the state's lethal gas chamber June 8, but an appeal is automatic under Mississippi law.

Neither Drake nor his attorney would offer a statement.

Earlier Drake had told the court that he was pistol-whipped into signing a confession that he attacked the 65-year-old woman after breaking into her home near Durant.

He told jurors, "I had to sign or get beat again."

He said both former Sheriff Richard Byrd and Deputy I. C. Farmer beat him with pistol butts. Sheriff Byrd, confined to a hospital after suffering a heart attack, was unable to testify but Mr. Farmer denied that officers used force to obtain a confession.

Asked by Dist. Atty. Stanny Sanders if he remembered Mr. Farmer, Drake replied, "Boss, I sure do. He's the one that really gave me a working over."

MISSISSIPPI

Negro Charged With Attacking White Woman

LAUREL, Miss., July 6 (AP)—Police Chief Wayne Valentine today charged a 26-year-old Negro with rape after a white widow identified him as her assailant and he admitted the charge.

Valentine said the 32-year-old woman told him Leroy Moody broke into her home June 15, threatened to kill her child if she did not submit and then raped her twice.

She said he was masked with a towel.

The chief said Moody was lodged in Jones County Jail without bond to await action of the September Grand Jury.

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Biased Judge Presides at Rape Trial

MAGNOLIA, Miss. — Circuit Judge Tom P. Brady, outstanding segregationist, is expected to hear the trial this fall of four white men charged with kidnapping and raping a young Negro girl last May 13. Awaiting Oct. 1 grand jury action are Ernest H. Dillon, 29, of Pike County; his brother, Ollie (Mink) Dillon, 44, Tylertown, and two cousins, Olen Duncan, 21, and Duroa Duncan, 21, both of Tylertown.

Judge Brady, author of "Black Monday," a book referring to the U. S. Supreme Court school desegregation ruling, is expected to preside over the Pike County Court when the all-white grand jury considers the charges.

NEGRO'S BAIL PLEA REJECTED BY COURT

Confession To Attack On Couple Is Read

JACKSON, Miss., Sept. 6. — (UP) — A 33-year-old Negro charged with criminal assault and armed robbery was returned to jail without bail Thursday after his confession to attacking a young white couple was read in court.

Circuit Judge M. M. McGowan denied bond to Kent Bullock who asked for the habeas corpus hearing on ground he was illegally held without bail because of his race.

The confession, taken by police, said Bullock shot and robbed George Tullos, 22-year-old ex-sailor, then forced Tullos' teenage girl friend to kiss him last Aug. 12 at a secluded spot near here.

Tullos was recently released from a hospital where he was treated for gunshot wounds.

Defense Attorney Colin Stockdale charged officers forced Bullock to confess by beating him.

Dist. Atty. Robert Nichols told Judge McGowan after the hearing he would change the charge of "rape" to attempted rape."

Negro Charged With Assault

LAUREL, July 6 (AP)—Police Chief Wayne Valentine today charged a 26-year-old Negro with criminal assault after a white widow identified him as her assailant and he admitted the charge.

Valentine said the 32-year-old woman told him Leroy Moody broke into her home June 15, threatened to kill her child if she did not submit and then assaulted her twice.

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CONVICTION IS UPHELD IN CRIMINAL ASSAULT

Ex-Convict Must Serve Life Term In Prison

DECISIONS HANDED DOWN

From The Commercial Appeal Jackson, Miss. Bureau

JACKSON, Miss., Nov. 5.—A life sentence given ex-convict Edward L. Shay for a criminal assault on a 15-year-old Warren County student near Vicksburg was upheld Monday by the Mississippi Supreme Court.

The attack occurred in August, 1955, while the young woman was parked with her date on a road in the National Park area. Shay was arrested several days later when he sought to pitch a ride with a state highway patrolman.

Shay was tried in Jefferson County on a change of venue.

PRINTS MAY CLEAR NEGRO OF ASSAULT

Commercial Appeal

Mississippi Governor Told Of New Evidence

Thurs 12-20-56

Memphis Press

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LAUREL, Miss., Dec. 19.—(UP)—Jones County officers reported Wednesday they have uncovered new evidence which may clear a 30-year-old Negro school teacher of a life conviction on charges he criminally assaulted a white woman here in 1954.

Dist. Atty. Grover Doggette says he has notified Gov. J. P. Coleman by letter that new evidence in the case points to the innocence of Negro Theldor Lang, sentenced to life imprisonment for attacking a 21-year-old mother in he rhome in 1954.

Lang, who lost his appeals to both the state and United States Supreme Courts, is being held here pending his transfer to Parchman State Penitentiary. County officers are awaiting word from the Governor on the matter but Governor Coleman's office reports it has not received the latter.

Officers said they recently learned that fingerprints found in the victim's home match those of 26-year-old Negro convict Leroy Moody, convicted of a later but similar attack on a 30-year-old white woman. He is now serving life in Parchman after confessing the crime. He denied the earlier attack.

Investigators also found a ring belonging to the victim in the possession of Moody's wife.

Lang has steadfastly denied he was the man who broke into the woman's home and assaulted her after threatening her child. In his appeal he pointed out fingerprints found in the home were not his.

He was identified as the attacker by the woman who spotted him on the streets of Laurel one year after the attack.

ASSAULTER 32 DIES BREATHING A PRAYER

Negro Executed For Attack On Woman At Jackson

PARCHMAN, Miss., Jan. 3.—(UP)—Negro Robert Buchanan, convicted of raping a crippled ouisiana white woman during her visit to Jackson, Miss., was put to death Tuesday in the Mississippi gas chamber.

The 32-year-old Jackson Negro died with a prayer on his lips.

He shook hands with eight other prisoners of Parchman State ePnitentiary's death row then walked calmly into the chamber at 2:02 p.m. He was dead about six minutes later, the prison physician estimated.

"I forgive everyone I know I have offended," said Buchanan to Hinds County Deputy Sheriff Raymond Bonner who read the warrant setting the death penalty to the Negro. "God sets the time for everyone. It's just my time."

Buchanan was convicted of raping the woman after he found her alone in the home she was visiting in Jackson. He confessed he had entered the home in a burglary attempt.

Dismiss Belief That Girl In Marshalltown Attacked

Marshalltown, Ia.— Police Chief Delos A. Dooley made public Thursday, Feb. 2, an official report which stated that intensive investigation failed to confirm early indications of a criminal attack on Vicki Davis, 2, Marshalltown's "frozen girl."

County Attorney Charles King, to whom Dooley's investigation report was transmitted, said he new sees no basis for filing of any charges in the case.

Vicki and her grandmother, Mrs Fred Davis, 48, are recovering after being found in a semi-frozen state in the Davis home at 8:40 a.m. Jan. 21.

Tests

The report said exhaustive investigations and tests by the Iowa Bureau of Criminal Investigation and Marshalltown police appear to have eliminated every conceivable present suspect from the case.

Results also have been negative, Dooley said, on the question of whether any crime actually occurred in connection with the exposure and injury involving the child and her grandmother.

'Truth Serum'

Two interrogations of the grandmother, after administration of "truth serum," the police chief said, enabled the grandmother to recall that she had removed a safety pin from Vicki's diaper, that she fell with the child, and that she remembered lying on the floor and becoming very cold.

"Mrs. Davis admitted, and laboratory tests confirmed, that she had been drinking," Chief Dooley's report said.

The "truth serum" interrogations of Mrs. Davis were conducted by Dr. H. C. Merillat of Des Moines and were tape-recorded. Chief Dooley said the grandmother had cooperated "to the best of her ability" in the investigation.

Hazy And Sketchy

"We find that under normal questioning she was unable to recall events after 10:30 p.m. Jan. 20 and had only a hazy and sketchy recollection of events within several hours prior thereto."

The report said that when Capt. Wayne Beasley answered the call to the Davis home at 8:40 a.m. Jan. 21 he found the pair lying just inside the front door and "first thought they were dead."

Shades

A coffee table and clothes rack in the room had been knocked over, torn newspapers were scattered about a glass-littered floor, and a window shade had been yanked off, the report said.

The child had been bleeding in the pelvic region and medical examination confirmed the possibility of criminal assault, the report said. It added,however, that medical examination failed to establish conclusively that such an attack had occurred and subsequent investigation and tests failed to clear up the question.

Bond Denied to 4 In Mississippi Kidnap-Assault

McCOMB, Miss., May 16 (AP) — Dist. Atty. Mike Carr said today the four men charged in the kidnapping and rape of a 16-year-old Negro girl near Magnolia Sunday will be held without bond until the October term of court.

Bond originally was set at $5,000 for Ernest Dillon, 29, of McComb; Olen Duncan, 21, of the Salem community near Magnolia; and Duroe Duncan, 20, Tylertown; all charged with rape and kidnapping.

Ollie Dillon, 44, brother of Ernest, is charged with kidnaping and his bond was set at $2,500. The Duncans are cousins.

None of the four made bond, and today the opportunity to post it was withdrawn.

In Jackson yesterday, the National Assn. for the Advancement of Colored People commended the work of Pike and Walthall County officers in apprehending the men.

QUARTET DENIED BOND IN ASSAULT ON GIRL

White Men Also Accused Of Kidnaping Young Negro

M'COMB, Miss., May 28.—(UP) —Four white men charged in the kidnap-rape of a 16-year-old Negro girl were returned to jail without bond Monday to await action of the Pike County Grand Jury next October.

Pike County Judge H. L. Simmons conducted the brief hearing and ordered the four held without bond until the jury makes its report.

Ernest Dillon, 20, Duroe Duncan, 20, and Olen Duncan, 21, were charged with kidnaping and assaulting the girl May 13. Ollie Dillon, 44, was charged with aiding in her abduction from her home near Magnolia.

Officers said the suspects signed detailed confessions to the crime but appeared at the hearing Monday without a lawyer and entered no plea.

Negro Girl Rape Holds 4 Whites

MAGNOLIA, Miss., May 14 (AP) — Four white men were charged today with kidnaping a sixteen-year-old Negro girl and taking her to a remote section of a swamp on the Mississippi-Louisiana line where three of them raped her.

The bizarre story unfolded today after the arrest of Ernest Dillon, twenty-nine, of McComb; Olen Duncan, twenty-one, and Duroe Duncan, a cousin, both of Tylertown. All three were formally charged with kidnaping and rape. The fourth man, Ollie Dillon, forty-four, of Tylertown, a brother of Ernest, was charged with kidnaping.

The four are accused of driving to the tenant house of a Negro woman and forcibly taking her sixteen-year-old daughter into a swamp, where three of them raped her at gunpoint.

Meanwhile, the mother notified Sheriff James May of Walthall County, who aroused a deputy at 5:30 a. m. and together they drove to a spot where they were joined by Sheriff Andrews of Pike County, and organized a search, Meanwhile, the girl managed to get hold of her attackers' shotgun and hit one of the men over the head and fled. Officers found her on the highway.

THREE MEN CHARGED IN CRIMINAL ASSAULT

Negro Girl Says White Trio Abducted Her

MAGNOLIA, Miss., May 14.—(UP) — Three white men were charged Monday with criminal assault on a 16-year-old Negro girl after abducting her from her farm home Saturday night by posing as police officers.

Pike County Sheriff Bill Andrews said they signed statements admitting the crime, and were jailed in lieu of $5,000 bonds. A fourth man, Ollie Dillon, 44, of near Tylertown, Miss., was charged only with kidnaping and placed under $2,500 bond.

Charged with rape and kidnaping were Ernest Dillon, 29, of near McComb; Olen Duncan, 21, of the Salem community near Magnolia; and his cousin, Duroe Duncan, 20. The two Dillons are brothers.

Sheriff Andrews said the girl finally escaped from Ernest Dillon by grabbing his shotgun and hitting him on the head. She found four Negro fishermen nearby who took her home.

The Sheriff said the four men had been drinking and were driving around "looking for women." A Negro farmer, Stennis Butler, 30, told officers they stopped and asked him where they could find a young Negro girl. Butler said he was forced to direct them to a nearby house where the 16-year-old girl lived with her mother.

Ernest Dillon, according to the men's statements, told the girl he was a deputy sheriff and was arresting her for "shacking up." The girl, wearing only pajamas, was forced into the car at the

point of Ernest Dillon's shotgun and taken into the swamps where all but Ollie Dillon assaulted her.

Later, Ernest Dillon took the girl off alone and she managed to escape. The girl told officers she had never seen the men before. They were arrested later in the day.

with them in their car.

They took the girl to the Bogue Chitto river bottom and raped her at gunpoint.

The girl's mother notified the sheriff's office of the men's action, immediately and a search was organized..

Sheriff Bill Andrews stated that after the girl was raped she got hold of the shotgun and hit one of the men over the head and ran. She found four Negroes fishing and they brought her to the hiway where the sheriff's posse had gathered for the search.

The fourth man, Ollie Dillon, brother of Ernest was charged with kidnaping. The three were charged with kidnaping and rape. According to the sheriff, the three have signed statements.

from her mother and her prospective bridegroom.

The others held, in addition to Ernest Dillon, are Ollie Dillon, 44, brother of Ernest, a construction worker of Tylertown; Olen Duncan, 21, and Duroa Duncan, also 21, his cousin, both of Tylertown.

Carr named Ernest Dillon and the Duncan cousins as the persons against whom he will seek ravishment indictments.

Follows Night of Drinking

He said the four men arrived in the vicinity of the Pizzant farm after a night of drinking and roused Stennis Butler, 30, a Negro who lives with his wife and five children in a tenant house, demanding that Butler tell them where they could find women.

Butler admitted at gunpoint that two Negro women, a mother and daughter, lived in a nearby tenant house, it was said. Taking Butler with them, the four men went to this house, knocked, and demanded that the occupants come out.

Carr said that the mother, daughter, and the daughter's fiance, Marvin Williams, 20, of Magnolia, emerged from the house. The mother and Williams were forced to stand by while Ernest Dillon, posing as a deputy sheriff come to arrest her, hustled her to his car.

The other white men drove away with Ernest Dillon and the girl. The mother and Williams ran to the home of Pizzant who telephoned the Walthall county sheriff's office.

Posses Start Search

Posses of deputies from Walthall and Pike counties began a search at daybreak which led to the capture about 6 a. m. of Olen and Duroa Duncan and Ollie Dillon, who said that Ernest Dillon was still back in the woods with the kidnaped girl.

The girl was found at 7:30 a. m. She said she had broken away from Ernest Dillon after seizing his shotgun and hitting him with it. Ernest Dillon came out of the woods and surrendered at noon while officers were awaiting bloodhounds ordered from the state prison at Angola.

Carr said that Olen and Duroa Duncan and Ernest Dillon admitted relations with the captive, but that the Duncan cousins said they took part in the orgy because Ernest Dillon threatened them with the shotgun.

4 Held in Mississippi In Attack on Girl, 16

Post & Times Herald P. 4
Washington, D.C.

MAGNOLIA, Miss., May 14 (AP)—Four men were charged today with kidnaping a 16-year-old girl and taking her to a remote section of a swamp on the Mississippi-Louisiana line where three of them raped her.

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JAIL 4 WHITES IN KIDNAP-RAPE OF NEGRO GIRL

Daily Tribune
Tues. 5-15-56
Chicago, Ill.

Victim, 16, Bride-to-Be, Seized at Gunpoint

P. 3.

Magnolia, Miss., May 14 [Special]—Four white men were jailed here yesterday as the result of the kidnaping and rape at gunpoint of a Negro girl, 16, who was to have been married today.

District Atty. Michael Carr of Brookhaven, Miss., said today that as a result of his investigation of the case he will seek indictments against three of them on charges of forcible ravishment for which the penalty is death or life imprisonment, as a trial jury may decide. Carr said the fourth man will be charged with kidnaping, which carries a penalty of imprisonment up to 10 years.

Wrong Angle on Integration Causes

State Press P. 1

Four White Men to Be Charged With Rape on Sixteen-Year-Old Negro Girl

Fri. 5-18-56 Little Rock, Ark.

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MAGNOLIA, Miss.—Four white men have been charged with kidnaping a 16-year-old Negro girl and taking her to a secluded place near the Mississippi-Louisiana line where three of them committed rape on her.

According to officials who related this story after the arrest Monday, of Ernest Dillon, 29, McCombs; Olen Duncan, 21, and Duroa Duncan, cousin of Olen, both from Tylertown, the men had been together Saturday nite and decided to look for some women. They drove to the house of a Negro man and asked him where they could find a Negro girl.

Officers said the Negro, who was frightened, pointed out a house where a woman and her daughter lived alone. The men forced the frightened Negro man to go with them to the house and ordered him to kick in the door. The Negro refused and the men kicked it in themselves and took the girl.

Three of the four men have signed statements, but the fourth has refused to answer questions, Carr said. He said the statements indicate that the four went to a Negro home on the farm of Henry Pizzant, a white man, near Tylertown, Miss., shortly before dawn yesterday, and forced the girl to go with them.

Taken From Fiance

Carr said that Ernest Dillon, 29, a siding salesman of Jackson, Miss., has admitted he falsely represented himself as a deputy sheriff and brandished a shotgun in taking the girl

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Killer Executed in Gas Chamber

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., Feb. 24 (AP)—Sweating nervously but otherwise showing no emotion, Arthur Ross Brown gulped cyanide gas and died quickly early Friday, reaching the end he had sought for his crime-filled life.

He was executed in the Missouri prison's gas chamber for kidnaping, robbing, raping and slaying Mrs. Wilma Allen, 34-year-old Kansas City mother of two, last August.

Brown, 30, readily admitted the crime when he was arrested in San Francisco in November. He pleaded guilty in federal court in Kansas City and welcomed the death penalty because "I couldn't live in prison with that crime on my mind."

On the way to the death chamber Brown told US marshal Burke Dennis:

"Marshal, I sure thank you. I appreciate all you've done for me and my mother." The mother, Mrs. Mary Brown of Oakland, Calif., had visited her son in the prison.

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NEW YORK

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ACCUSE GI, 17, IN RAPE-KILLING OF WIDOW, 83

Daily Tribune
Mon. 3-19-56
Chicago, Ill.

Seek to Arrest Dad for Abandonment

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Canton, N. Y., March 18 (AP) —A 17 year old soldier was held in St. Lawrence county jail today on a first degree murder charge in the rape-slaying of an elderly widow at Ogdensburg.

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Authorities made plans to press efforts to bring the young man's father back from Cleveland, O., to face a charge that he abandoned Ronald Wayne Cooper and a younger sister more than five years ago.

Cooper was returned to Ogdensburg last night from New York City, where he was arrested Friday. He waived examination when arraigned in City court on the charge that he killed Mrs. Ola Murdock, 83, and was ordered held in the county jail pending grand jury action.

Extradition Hearing Set

District Atty. Charles E. Bowers disclosed then that the father, William Cooper, 41, had been arrested in Cleveland Feb. 22 on a bench warrant based on a charge that he abandoned his family Sept. 9, 1950. Bowers said he only recently had learned the man's whereabouts.

An extradition hearing for the elder Cooper is scheduled for March 29 at Cleveland. Meanwhile, he is free in $1,000 bail.

Mrs. Murdock, a retired teacher, was found unconscious in her apartment at Ogdensburg last Wednesday. She died the next day.

The soldier, who lived near the apartment house and had done odd jobs for the widow, was arrested at a bus terminal in New York City. Authorities said he was A. W. O. L. from Fort Dix, N. J.

Tells of Urge to Kill

Police in New York City said that under questioning Cooper admitted that he beat, raped, and slashed the woman after breaking into her apartment early Wednesday.

They quoted the youth as saying, "For a long time I've had the desire to kill a woman. I like to see people suffer."

Detectives also quoted Cooper as telling them: "I should die . . . a murdered always should die."

Later, in front of New York City newsmen, the youth asserted, "I may go back . . . but they'll never bring me to trial."

He was quiet and composed at the arraignment last night. A short while before he had accompanied Ogdensburg authorities to an alley near the apartment house and pointed out a snowbank where, they reported, they found Mrs. Murdock's blood stained nightgown.

Soldier, 17, Held In Rape, Slaying

Herald Tribune
Sat. 3-17-56
New York, N. Y.

A seventeen-year-old soldier was arrested here yesterday for the rape and fatal beating Wednesday of eighty-three-year-old retired school teacher in his home town of Odgensburg, N. Y.

Police said that the youth, Ronald Wayne Cooper, who was taken into cutsody as he got off a bus at 6:40 A. m., admitted the crime later in the day when he was confronted with a blood-stained jacket and shirt brought here by Police Chief Leo Le Beau, of Odgensburg.

The victim, Mrs. Ola Murdock, was found unconscious Wednesday in the apartment she occupied alone and died Thursday in a hospital. Police quoted Cooper, who was absent without offical leave from Fort Dix, N. J., as saying, "For a long time I've had a desire to kill a woman. I like to see people suffer."

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Man Given Rape Term

HALIFAX, May 3 (AP) — A 43-year-old Scotland Neck man was convicted in Halifax Superior Court yesterday of assault with intent to commit rape upon a hospital patient.

Judge Clifton L. Moore sentenced James Charles Callahan to 13-15 years. Testimony indicated Callahan entered the room of a 57-year-old woman patient at the Halifax hospital last Sept. 27, telling her he was a physician, then attempted the assault.

Callahan testified he had been drinking and did not remember the incident.

State Student Is Indicted On Rape Charge In Moore

CARTHAGE, Aug. 13 — The grand jury returned a true bill this afternoon against Jack Key, 23-year-old State College student, on the capital charge of rape.

He is charged with raping a pretty school teacher, Martha Robinson, 21, of Biscoe, while they were dating the night of May 26.

Solicitor M. G. Boyette said he hopes to start the trial tomorrow morning. Because of many unusual aspects of the case, a special venire was being assembled by deputy sheriffs tonight, from which a jury is to be drawn. Resident Judge F. Don Phillips of Rockingham is presiding over the current criminal term.

Holds Public Interest.

The case holds top spot in interest on the current calendar. Key's home community of Robbins is said to be solidly behind the youth, and equally strong support of the prosecuting witness is reportedly found in her hometown, where she grew up and now teaches a primary grade in the Biscoe school.

Miss Robinson was a star basketball player at Biscoe High School, where she graduated, later attending Woman's College at Greensboro. She has been reappointed to her teaching post at Biscoe "no matter how the trial comes out," the school board has reportedly said. People of the Biscoe Community have said, "There has never been any stain on her character."

People at Robbins say the same of Jack Key, who was also a leading athlete at Elise High School there and is a third year Civil Engineering student at State. He was unable to take examinations concluding his junior year, as he was placed in Moore County jail the day before they began. He has been there ever since without privilege of bond.

Twenty-eight witnesses have been summoned in his behalf, mostly from Robbins and including the mayor, school principal and his minister.

From Raleigh the following have been subpoenaed by the defense: Ray Lancaster, State College student; the Rev. J. W. Page, of Fairmont Methodist Church; J. H. Walker, attorney at law, and Prof. C. H. Satterfield, of the Sigma Chi Fraternity House.

Of five witnesses listed for the State, one is the girl's father, another is Montgomery County Sheriff E. C. Long and three are doctors. There are expected to be many other witnesses not on the subpoena list. Solicitor Boyette said today the trial may take two days or longer.

ssault Case ...with P.3 ...rs Tensions

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TOLEDO, Ohio—(ANP)—Chester ...pings, 25, was convicted here ... week of assault with intent to ... a white woman in a case ... generated to a feverish ... by newspaper publicity and ... pressure.

...ttorney, Jesse S. Heslip, an... after Judge John M. Mc... sentenced Hopings denied ... he was at the scene of the ... rape attempt Jan. 2 of ... Docis. His testimony was sup... by his wife and friends. ... contended that footprints ... scene matched those of the ...dant. The woman testified ... she clung to a jacket of her ... The jacket was identified ... belonging to Hopings.

... was first tried on a mis... charge. He was convicted in ... Court and placed on ... for one year after the ... suspended a 6-month Work... term and a $500 fine.

... which followed led to a ... jury indictment charging ... with the more serious of...

Rape Suspect is Hopeful; Youth, Victim Disagree

Frazier bound over to District Court for Alleged Sex Attack

A new angle was wedged into the case of Charles Vernon Frazier, 21, of 2000 North Madison avenue, who is charged with abducting and raping a 16-year-old white girl on May 29 while holding her 13-year-old companion at gunpoint.

At a preliminary hearing last Friday, the 13-year-old boy's testimony conflicted with information supplied by the alleged victim. Nevertheless, Frazier, a busboy, was bound over for trial in district court.

Girl's Statement

The girl had told police that she and her companion were walking toward Lakeview amusement park near Mohawk boulevard and Harvard avenue when Frazier drove up in his car, forced them into the vehicle at gunpoint, then took them to a lonely spot where the attack occured.

The boy testified that he did not see Frazier with a gun at any time and that Frazier did not force them into his car. The youth said he and the girl entered voluntarily. Afterward, the accused drove them to a tavern where he bought beer. Then all of them drank, while sitting outside in the car.

After drinking the beer the three allegedly drove around for a while before Frazier drove to an isolated spot and forced the girl to submit to him. The youth said Frazier was "kind" to them at all times.

Attacked 3 Times

The girl testified that she was attacked three times—once while lying on her stomach on the backseat of Frazier's car, but her companion refuted her testimony by saying the attacks took place on the front seat of the vehicle.

In her statement the girl also said Frazier assaulted her because the boy refused when ordered to do so by Frazier. She said she made a date for the next night with Frazier in order to trap him.

She remembered his name from an identification card he allegedly had shown her. The boy and the girl picked Frazier from a police lineup the following day.

Attorneys Amos T. Hall and O. B. Graham, Jr., employed by Frazier, said the suspect told them he did not orally confess to investigators that he forcibly raped the victim as was previously announced. Maximum penalty for forced rape is the electric chair.

Frazier is being held without bond pending arraignment in district court. Assistant County Attorney Ted Chesen is representing the state.

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PENNSYLVANIA

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Sex Criminal Gets Life Term For Child Attack

Kensington man with a long record of sex offenses was sent to Eastern State Penitentiary for one day to life under the Barr-Walker Act in Quarter Sessions Court yesterday.

It was the sixth time the Philadelphia courts had invoked the act since it was passed in 1951.

Bernard McMullen, 32, of Oakdale st. near Trenton ave., was labeled a "menace to the community" by Judge James F. Henninger, substituting here from Lehigh county, as he imposed sentence on the defendant for criminally assaulting a 12-year-old girl.

ENTICED INTO HOUSE

McMullen was convicted by Judge Henninger without a jury on Feb. 28 of charge of enticing the girl into an unoccupied Kensington house last Jan. 7 and ravishing her.

McMullen's sentence constitutes life imprisonment, but the State Parole Board can release him if semi-annual psychiatric examinations prescribed by the law prove him to be fully recovered.

Judge Henninger stated, however, that the court should be consulted if there was any consideration of parole. He emphatically demanded that the "Parole Board adhere strictly" to this condition.

5-YEAR MINIMUM

Judge Henninger further declared that there should be no parole for McMullen for at least three years. He added that the court "would not oppose commutation" if such is recommended by examining psychiatrists.

At McMullen's trial, Assistant District Attorney Curtis C. Carson said the man was a "menace" and should be imprisoned. At that time Judge Henninger was ready to apply the Barr-Walker Act immediately but was advised that examinations by the doctors of the State Department of Public Welfare were the usual procedure.

DRASTIC STEP ADVISED

In her report on an examination of McMullen, Dr. Winifred B. Stewart, court psychiatrist, recommended the Barr-Walker Act treatment.

McMullen was termed a sufferer of a psychopathic disease who should be kept behind bars for the best interest of the community.

Judge Henninger left no doubt that he thought McMullen should be confined for life.

McMullen's victim recently moved here from the West, where her father had died. She was walking along Kensington ave., looking for a music shop, when she asked McMullen for directions. He led her to a vacant house, forced the back door, then attacked her.

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Begged Krull To Kill Her Instead, She Says

Constitution p. 8
Atlanta, Ga., Fri. 2-3-56

By BOB WILLIMON

The 53-year-old victim in the Krull kidnap-rape case testified Thursday she begged Michael Krull to kill her rather than force her to yield to his demands.

This, the government charges, occurred in Chickamauga National Park.

Park Ranger Fred Vanous told how he, observing a couple, became suspicious when the victim walked in a "straggling, staggering" manner.

ASKED ABOUT CAR

Vanous said he inquired about the nearby car, receiving what he termed unsatisfactory replies. Vanous said he told Krull he was "under arrest for investigation."

Krull, Vanous continued, then began running and dragging the victim by the hands. The ranger said the woman cried out and fell and that Krull released her and ran. Vanous said he fired a warning shot but that Krull escaped.

Defense witnesses introduced during the day on behalf of George Krull testified he had always been "subject to fainting spells and was not in his right mind."

The government introduced a statement Michael Krull made to FBI agents after his capture in New York. In it, Krull said the victim had consented to sexual intercourse.

DOCTORS TESTIFY

Two doctors, testifying for the government, described the injuries suffered by the woman. The victim herself said she was still under a physician's care.

Defense attorneys moved for acquittal on the ground that the government had not established jurisdiction by proving the offenses actually took place on government property.

Judge Frank A. Hooper overruled the motions, pointing to the testimony of park employes that the men were seen with the woman in the park.

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Chattanooga business-man, placed on the witness stand during the trial's fourth day in U.S. District Court here, gave the following account:

While on an errand for her mother's pharmacy, she was making a U-turn at a Chattanooga service station when defendant George Krull "was in my car before I knew anything."

Krull, the victim continued, stuck a knife in my ribs and said 'If you scream I'll kill you'." Michael Krull meantime "got in on the right side of the car and started cursing and beating me in the face."

They demanded $1,000 and title to the car," the victim said. "They found in my bosom and in the glove compartment for money.

"I said I didn't have a penny with me," the small, partly white-haired woman continued. "All the time I was trying to get them to take me to the pharmacy or the nearest house — where I am known — to get the money."

The victim then said George Krull drove the car around Chattanooga while Michael Krull "cut me with a pin-scratch type wound with a knife he was holding at my throat, and beat me like a dog."

"I thought that during those first 20 minutes they were going to kill me," she said. Michael Krull, she added, told her to keep her head down and "not to look at them."

She said the Krulls talked in a "foreign language" part of the time, and that after the car again was underway "Mike said he was going to throw me on the floor in the back of the car."

CLIMBS BACK

"I asked him to let me climb back there myself as I had a damaged vertebra," the woman testified. She then said that "Mike assaulted me."

The woman said Michael Krull left the wheel of the car and George Krull performed the same

JURY DEMANDS DEATH FOR CRIMINAL ASSAULT

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Krull Brothers, Also Given Life For Kidnaping

Memphis, Tenn.

ATLANTA, Feb. 5.—(AP)—A Federal jury imposed death sentences for criminal assault and life sentences for kidnaping against George and Michael Krull for the April 14 kidnap-rape of a 53-year-old Chattanooga woman.

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Both were convicted on a kidnaping count. Michael was convicted on a charge of rape with George abetting in the crime. George was convicted on a similar count with Michael abetting.

Attorneys said it was the first case in their memory in which a Federal jury had tried a multiple kidnap-rape case in the Northern Georgia District.

The men also were convicted of violating the Dyer Act in transporting a stolen car across state lines.

The McKees Rocks, Penn., brothers, who made an unsuccessful effort to escape from jail while awaiting trial, retained the stony, unsmiling expression they wore throughout the court session beginning last Monday.

Government prosecutors asked for the extreme penalty, declaring there was "not one" extenuating circumstance. The woman testified she was kidnaped in her own car at noon on a downtown Chattanooga street. She said the Krulls threatened and cut her with a knife, beat her with their fists, assaulted her while the car was driven into Georgia and again when it was stopped in the Chickamauga National Military Park.

Federal prisoners receiving the death penalty are executed in the state in which they are convicted. If the sentences given the Krulls are carried out they will be electrocuted at the Georgia State Prison in Reidsville.

NEGRO RADIO PASTOR GUILTY ON ASSAULT

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Johnny Neal, 29, Must Face Eight Other Charges

Memphis, Tenn.

Johnny Neal, 29-year-old Negro radio preacher, was sentenced to 12 years in the penitentiary yesterday after a jury which deliberated two hours found him guilty of criminal assault.

Thurs. 9-20-56

Irping Strauch, defense attorney, did not ask for a new trial or indicated an appeal, so Criminal Court Judge Perry Sellers passed sentence.

Neal also has been indicted on two other charges of criminal assault, four counts of assault and battery with intent to ravish and two counts of armed robbery.

Assistant Atty. Gen. Minor Tait said Neal will be held here until all the cases are tried individually. Mr. Tait and Assistant Atty. Gen. Lloyd Rhodes prosecuted the first case.

The jury found Neal guilty after a 31-year-old Negro woman testified he accosted her on the sidewalk near Mississippi and Williams March 16, forced her to go with him to the side of an abandoned garage nearby where he assaulted her and then fled with her purse.

NEGRO IS SENTENCED FOR ASSAULT HERE

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Whitfield Bland Gets 99 Years On Guilty Plea

Thurs. 9-13-56

Whitfield Bland, Memphis Negro indicted with five others for the criminal assault of a white woman here a year ago, was sentenced to 99 years in Nashville penitentiary Tuesday.

Criminal Court Judge Perry Sellers passed sentence after a jury heard Bland's plea of guilty and approved the length of imprisonment recommended by the attorney general's office.

Memphis, Tenn.

Bland was arrested in Chicago by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and returned here. Two other defendants in the case drew 99-year terms earlier. Bland was one of three who admitted having relations with the woman.

The six Negroes approached a man and his date on a rural road, chased the man away and took the woman to a pasture where she was assaulted.

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Flaudell Fite Electrocuted For Rape

Sat. 9-1-56

HUNTSVILLE—With a Bible in his right hand, Flaudell Fite of Dalles walked to the electric chair Thursday to die for criminal assault.

The 27-year-old Negro handed the Bible to Rev. Francis Duffy just before attendants finished strapping him into the chair.

He wispered something that soudded like "pray for me."

Fite, convicted of criminally assaulting a 17-year-old Garland, Texas, girl near Garland, July 9, 1955, was pronounced dead at 12:06 a. m.

Two Men Get Death in Rape Cases

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DALLAS, Tex.—In what veteran courthouse observers here say was the first instance of its kind in Dallas County, two Negroes were given the death sentence for raping Negro women.

They are Theodore Thompson, 22, and John Wayne Mack, 25. Thompson was charged with attacking a 39-year-old housewife. Mack's victim was a 10-year-old girl, who told the Court she was pulled from her bed where she was sleeping with her brothers and a sister.

Second Negro dies for Texas assault

HUNTSVILLE, Tex., Aug. 30—Timothy Pierce, 23-year-old Dallas County Negro, died in the electric chair at the state penitentiary early today for the rape of a 17-year-old Garland, Tex., girl.

"If God is ready for me, I'm ready, but if God ain't ready for me I won't go," Pierce said as he was strapped into the chair.

Pierce, in a death house interview prior to the execution, insisted that he knew nothing of the rape of the girl and the robbery of her male companion. He said he had been drinking heavily at a tavern earlier in the evening and believed his drinks had been doped.

Pierce and a companion, Flaudell Fite, were convicted of raping the white girl while her male companion was held at gunpoint. Fite was executed last week and a third Negro companion is serving a life sentence for his part

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VIRGINIA

Death for Rapist Upheld

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Post + Times Herald

The death sentence of a 21-year-old Chatham, Va., soldier for the rape and attempted murder of an 11-year-old girl in Austria 15 months ago was affirmed yesterday by the United States Court of Military Appeals.

Sat. 6-2-56

The appellate opinion stated that Army Pfc. John A. Bennett criminally assaulted the child in an open field as she was en route on an errand for her mother, then revived her "by immersing her in a puddle of water."

Washington D.C.

The opinion stated that he then assaulted her again and "dragged his victim to a nearby millstream and threw her in."

It further read: "The child managed to make her way to the far side of the stream where she remained immersed and pretended to be dead until after he left the scene."

The assault took place Dec. 21, 1954, near Siezenheim, Austria. Bennett was sentenced to death by an Army court martial last February.

His appeal, mandatory in death sentences, was based largely on alleged errors by the prosecution during his trial. The Appellate Court ruled the Government case was properly prepared and presented.

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White Woman Reports Attack By 3 Negroes

Advertiser Mon. 3-26-56 Montgomery Ala. 27h(1) P. 8-A

BIRMINGHAM, March 25 (AP)—Three Negroes raped a young white woman and robbed her escort of $25 after finding them parked in a wooded area, Deputy Sheriff Pooley Trammell said today.

The officer said a 19-year-old Negro was being held for investigation in the attack early yesterday, but had not been positively identified as one of the men. Names of the couple and Negro were withheld.

Trammell said the 20-year-old woman and the 23-year-old college student whom she was dating jumped out and ran when one of the men knocked out a window of the car, but were caught by the Negroes.

STUDENT ROBBED

The officer said each Negro raped the woman and they robbed the student of $25.

The car was parked on a cutoff road between Tarrant City and Huffman, near a Negro section.

The young woman was confined to bed by orders of her physician.

Deputy Sheriff Tom Ellison said one of the three men broke out a rear window on the righthand side of the car with a rock, and reached in and unlocked the door before the student could get the car started.

YOUNG NEGROES

The assailants were described as young Negroes about 19 years old, armed with knives. Ellison said they threatened to kill the woman if she refused to submit to them.

Officers found a fingerprint on the car which they believed may have been made by one of the attackers, and were attempting to establish his identity through it.

Ellison said he and Deputy Sheriff Bill Adams would work full time on the case in an effort to track down the trio.

Girl Is Attacked, Escort Robbed in Alabama Woods

Constitution Mon, 3-26-56 Atlanta, Ga. 27h(1) P. 6

BIRMINGHAM, March 25 (AP)—Three Negroes were believed to have raped a young white woman and robbed her escort of $25 after finding them parked in a wooded area, Deputy Sheriff Pooley Trammell said today.

The officer said a 19-year-old Negro was being held for investigation in the attack early yesterday, but had not been positively identified as one of the men. Names of the couple and Negro were withheld.

Trammell said the 20-year-old woman and the 23-year-old college student whom she was dating jumped out and ran when one of the men knocked out a window of the car, but were caught by the Negroes.

The officer said each Negro raped the woman and they robbed the student of $25.

The car was parked on a cutoff road between Tarrant City and Huffman, near a Negro section.

2 Negroes Admit Assaulting Girl

Post-Herald Birmingham Ala. 27h(1) P. 23

Two Airport Hills Negroes have confessed to a criminal assault on a 19-year-old girl near Tarrant last Friday night.

County deputies said Samuel Taylor, 22, and Thomas Black, 17, took them to the scene between Huffman and Tarrant.

The 19-year-old girl and her 23-year-old college student escort had fled from their car after three Negro men broke out the rear window and opened the door.

Herald 3-28-56

The girl said the Negroes caught her and two of them assaulted her while one held her escort.

Deputies said Taylor and Black confirmed this story and implicated two other Negroes. One, a 15-year-old boy who was not seen by the white couple, was arrested last night.

He will be turned over to the Juvenile Court, the officer said.

Deputies were looking last night for the fourth Negro.

Taylor and Black were booked to be held without bond last night.

The deputies said they would swear out warrants for the two this morning.

County Deputies Tom Ellison, Bill Adams, Clark Brown and Pooley Trammell and Tarrant police officers Frank H. Erwin investigated.

Trial continued in assault case

News P. 3 Tues. 3-27-56 Birmingham Ala. 27h(1) P. 6

The trial of a 25-year-old man charged with raping a 16-year-old baby-sitter three days before Christmas, continued for the second day today behind closed doors.

Deputy Solicitor Francis Thompson said the Circuit Court trial is closed to the public "to protect the girl."

James Paul Stewart is accused of raping the Sylacauga girl while she cared for his children at their home at 1308 17th-st, n.

Stewart was arrested Jan. 7 and released under $5000 bond.

Woman Raped, Escort Robbed

Times-Picayune Mon. 3-26-56 New Orleans, La. 27h(1) P. 10

BIRMINGHAM, March 25 (AP) — Three Negroes raped a young white woman and robbed her escort of $25 after finding them parked in a wooded area, deputy sheriff Pooley Trammell said today.

The officer said a 19-year-old Negro was being held for investigation in the attack early Saturday, but had not been positively identified as one of the men. Names of the couple and Negroe were withheld.

Trammell said the 20-year-old woman and the 23-year-old college student whom she was dating jumped out and ran when one of the men knocked out a window of the car, but were caught by the Negroes.

Report Assault Story False

Daily Herald P. 1 Thurs. 5-31-56 27h(1)

ECLECTIC, Ala. - (ANP) - A possible lynching was averted here last week when a young white woman's story of being raped by two Negroes was branded a hoax.

Eclectic Police Chief Marvin Dunn and Elmore County Sheriff Lester Holley, whose report of the woman's story set off a manhunt that included a large posse of armed and aroused citizens, said it was apparently "just a story she dreamed up."

Although the officers declined to comment further, the Montgomery Advertiser learned that the attractive mother of two small children decided to fabricate the alleged raping incident after she had been discovered in the company of a white man. Her husband, an Air Force enlisted man, was scheduled to arrive home the next day prior to leaving for overseas duty.

Mrs. Johnnie Lee Pittman, 20-year-old daughter of Eclectic Mayor James Shores, had staggered into a farm yard near here early Wednesday morning wearing only a torn brassiere. She told officers that two Negroes abducted her from her home about 11 p. m. Tuesday and held her captive for five hours during which she was raped and beaten.

Constitution Atlanta, Ga. 27h(1)

Many of the 900 residents of this rural community lined the streets of Eclectic and a crowd formed around the jail when three Negroes were arersted for questioning.

However, Sheriff Holley, in a brief statement later in the afternoon, said investigations proved conclusively that Mrs. Pittman had not been raped.

"First, she was not criminally attacked as reported," Holley told the mob. "There were no Negroes involved and the case is closed."

"If you want further information contact the family of Mrs. Pittman," Holley said.

Eclectic Police Chief Marvin Dunn supported Holley's findings.

"The story she told me was something she dreamed up," Dunn said.

Mrs. Pittman told officers that she was forced into an automobile by the Negro men shortly after 11 p. m.

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She said she had gone to the back door of her home to let the dog out of the house, and when she opened the door a "Negro wearing a hat" forced his way inside. She said he threatened to kill her three-year-old son and 18-month-old daughter if she made an outcry.

Young Eclectic matron beaten and assaulted

News P. 1 Wed. 5-23-56 Birmingham Ala. 27h(1)

ECLECTIC, Ala., May 23 —(AP)—Law enforcement officers were investigating today the reported rape of Mrs. John Thomas Pittman, daughter of Eclectic's Mayor James Shores, here last night.

Police Chief Marvin Dunn said Mrs. Pittman, the mother of two small children, told officers she was abducted from her home by two Negro men, then raped by one and possibly both of them.

Mrs. Pittman was found unconscious near a rural home where she crawled after being let out of the Negroes' car on a side road.

ELMORE COUNTY Sheriff Lester Holley and State Highway Patrolmen were called in.

Chief Dunn said Mrs. Pittman reported she went to the door of her home about 11:15 p.m. when she heard the family dog barking to let the dog in the house.

When she opened the door, she said, a Negro man forced his way in the screen door and ordered her to come with him, threatening her children if she refused, Dunn added.

Mrs. Pittman said she was forced into the car and pushed down on the floor board by a second Negro who waited in the vehicle.

Herald 27h(2)

They drove to a remote section, Dunn quoted her as saying, where she was forced to submit to at least one of the men.

MRS. PITTMAN said she was struck several times by her abductors and was unconscious part of the time before she was released.

The police chief said the mayor's daughter, in a highly nervous state, is under a doctor's care.

Officers are looking for a two-tone green car and "two well-dressed Negro men," as Mrs. Pittman described her attackers.

Rape Accusation Branded As Hoax By Investigators

Sheriff Says Eclectic Case Is Now Closed

By BOB INGRAM
Advertiser Staff Writer

ECLECTIC, Ala., May 23—The reported rape of a young mother of two by two Negro men had a stunning effect on this rural community of 900 today but Elmore County Sheriff Lester Holley later branded the woman's story as a complete hoax.

Mrs. Johnnie Lee Pittman, 20-year - old daughter of Eclectic Mayor Jones Shores; had staggered into a farm yard near here about 4 a.m. today wearing only a torn brassiere. She told law officers she had been abducted from her home at 11 p.m. and held captive for five hours during which time she was raped and beaten.

Many men lined the streets of Eclectic most of today and a large crowd formed around the jail early today when three Negroes were arrested for questioning and later released.

MANHUNT STARTED

Her story prompted a tremendous manhunt which included a large posse of armed and aroused citizens.

However, Sheriff Holley, in a brief report this afternoon, said the case was closed.

"First, she was not criminally attacked as reported," Holley declared emphatically. "There were no Negores involved, and the case is closed."

"If you want further information contact the family of Mrs. Pittman," Holley added.

Mayor Shores was reportedly suffering from shock and unavailable for comment, however a member of the family told The Advertiser "what Sheriff Holley says is correct."

Eclectic Police Chief Marvin Dunn, to whom Mrs. Pittman had related her alleged harrowing experience, also supported Holley's finding.

FORCED INTO CAR

"The story she told me was something she dreamed up," Dunn said.

Mrs. Pittman told officers that she was forced into an automobile by the Negroes shortly after 11 p.m. Tuesday.

She said she had gone to the back door of her home to let the dog into the house, and when she opened the door a "Negro wearing a hat" forced his way inside. She claimed he threatened to kill her three-year-old son and 18-month-old daughter if she made an outcry.

Mrs. Pittman further claimed she was taken to an isolated area and beaten into unconsciousness when she resisted the advances of the two men.

CLOTHING IN DITCH

Shortly after Mrs. Pittman left her home the screams of her two children attracted the attention of neighbors, and a posse was quickly formed to search for the missing woman.

Mrs. Pittman was finally found some two miles from Eclectic at 4 a.m. today, clad only in the torn brassiere. Her other clothing was later found in a ditch near the spot where she claimed to have been thrown from her abductors' car.

From unimpeachable sources The Advertiser learned that Sheriff Holley based his findings on information which showed that Mrs. Pittman had been seen in the company of an unidentified white man shortly before the alleged attack occurred.

However, Sheriff Holley declined comment on this report.

"I have given my complete statement, I have nothing to add or take away," Sheriff Holley said. "I won't go into the details of the matter."

It was said that when Mrs. Pittman and her escort learned of the concern caused by her absence, it was decided to fabricate the alleged raping incident.

Mrs. Pittman's husband, an Air Force enlisted man, James Thomas Pittman, was scheduled to arrive home tomorrow from a Texas base for a furlough prior to leaving for overseas duty. However, he was contacted after the reported rape and was due in Eclectic late today.

The couple had lived in Eclectic only about three months after moving from enlisted men's quarters at Maxwell AFB. The parents of her husband lived only a few houses from the Pittmans in Eclectic.

YOUTH IS QUIZZED ON GIRL ATTACK

MOBILE, Ala., April 23 (AP)—Sheriff's investigators here were questioning a 16-year-old Negro youth who, Sheriff Ray D. Bridges said, is suspected of attempting to forcibly disrobe a 13-year-old white girl in suburban Prichard, Ala.

The incident touched off a two-hour search by a score or more officers and 50 to 60 whites armed with shotguns and other weapons.

The youth, whose name was withheld, was not formally charged pending further investigation.

Bridges gave this account of events which touched off near-mob action in the industrial suburban area:

The girl, her younger brother and two other children had ridden their bicycles into a field popular with berry-pickers.

As she attempted to turn her bike around, a Negro youth approached her with a long-bladed knife, and forced her to the ground.

As he attempted to unsnap her dungarees, the other children ran screaming from the spot. A berry-picker approached with a gun, and the Negro fled.

Meanwhile, a nearby housewife called police, and the search began. Bloodhounds were taken to the scene before a Negro youth was taken into custody and brought to the jail here.

Bridges said the girl, who fought the youth, suffered bruises but was otherwise unharmed.

Mobile Officials Hold Negro Youth In Attack Attempt

MOBILE, Ala., April 23 (AP)—A Mobile Negro youth was charged today with assault with intent to rape in an alleged attack on a 13-year-old white girl near her home yesterday.

He was identified as Luther Lewis, 16. Lewis was placed in Mobile County Jail without bond.

Asst. Chief Deputy James G. Chambers said Lewis, picked up near the scene, was identified by the girl.

The girl told officers she and three other children were playing in a field when a Negro approached her, pulled a knife, threw her onto the ground, and tried to disrobe her.

He fled when her playmates summoned a nearby blackberry picker for help.

BURGLARY ALSO CHARGED

Bond Set At $2,000 For Negro Accused In Assault Attempt

A bond of $2,000 was set yesterday for a Negro teen-ager who will face the Montgomery County grand jury on a charge of attempting to rape a white mother of four here Saturday night.

Jesse Thompson, 17, a Morristown, Tenn., house painter, also was charged with burglary.

The 38-year-old mother testified in Recorder's Court that the Negro was frightened from the home by her screams for her 12-year-old son sleeping in an adjoining room.

She said the Negro climbed into her bed while she slept.

The Negro was traced from a paint-flecked cap found in the home. Detectives W. J. Simpler and Paul Berrey investigated the incident.

Wide Search Being Waged For Rapist

SUMITON, Ala., Jan. 8 (AP)—A 50-year-old woman cab driver was beaten, raped and robbed of about $20 and the taxi last night.

Walker County Chief Deputy Sheriff Blanton Bennett said a south-side hunt was underway for a Walker county man about 30 years old accused of the acts.

The woman was in serious condition at People's Hospital.

Bennett said the man and another passenger hired the cab operated by the woman and her husband at Sumiton.

After the other passenger got out, the man had the woman drive him on a side road between Sumiton and Hanceville.

The officer said the man overpowered the cab driver and raped her, breaking her thumb in the fierce struggle before she was overcome.

Then, said Bennett, he forced the woman to lie on the rear floor of the car while he drove into Cullman County. When he almost lost control of the cab and was busy righting it the woman jumped out.

The officer said the woman identified her attacker as a Sumiton area resident who had been away and only recently returned to this section.

The cab was a 1954 green Plymouth with a Walker County taxi license tag. Bennett said that in addition to the cab, the man stole about $20 from the woman.

NEGRO SUSPECT HELD

Burglary, Assault Charged By Montgomery Police

MONTGOMERY, Ala., Jan. 8.—(AP)—A 17-year-old Negro has been arrested and charged with burglary and assault to ravish a white widow and mother of four children, police reported Sunday.

The youth, a resident of Morristown, Tenn., told arresting officers in a statement that he had broken into the woman's home Friday night on the southern outskirts of town after he had learned from friends he was visiting, that white folks lived nearby.

Detectives W. H. Simpler and P. L. Berrey, who investigated, said the youth told them he went to the woman's home, entered and found her sleeping in bed with two small sons.

The Negro said the widow awoke and began screaming despite his threats. Her oldest son, 16, ran into the room and he became frightened and fled from the house, losing his cap.

Detectives found the cap and traced paint smears on it to a local paint company where the youth was temporarily employed.

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Youth Is Held At Montgomery In Attack Case

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Wilcox Negro accused of criminal assault

CAMDEN, Ala., July 27 (AP)—A Grand Jury session set for late October will consider a rape charge against a Negro youth being held here, Sheriff P. C. Jenkins said yesterday.

The Wilcox County sheriff said Roy Huff, 17-year-old odd jobs worker, admitted raping a pregnant young white housewife Wednesday. Yesterday the woman picked Huff out of a lineup at the jail, Jenkins said.

The incident occurred in the Coy community about eight miles southwest of Camden. Jenkins said Huff held an open switchblade knife in his hand while he raped the 17-year-old woman once. She returned home Wednesday night after a doctor had examined her.

Parents of rape suspect indicted on bribe attempt

A Southside couple, the parents of a defendant in a rape case, has been indicted on charges of attempting to bribe the young woman victim.

The accused couple is Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Jones of 1128 Cullomst, s.

They are the parents of David Clyde Jones of 1501 13th-st, s, one of three youths indicted in the July 16 assault of an 18-year-old Southside girl. She said she was attacked near Pinson.

Also indicted in the attack were Joseph H. Clements, 24, of 1205 10th-av, s, and Marvin Wright of 1419 10th-av, s. Wright also was charged in the bribery attempt.

SHERIFF'S Deputy Oscar L. DeFoor said the victim called him to her apartment earlier this month "to witness a transaction of money."

The deputy said he was concealed in a bedroom when Mr. and Mrs. Jones and a child entered. DeFoor said he heard them ask the young woman not to identify her attackers.

When the money began passing hands, Deputy DeFoor stepped out. He said the victim had $20 she had just received and Mrs. Jones was holding $180—but she claimed $20 was her "own" money.

At the time, officers had been unable to locate Wright and Jones to arrest them on rape charges.

Man Charge With Rape In Jail Now

A man identified as General Dabney, 26 of 3445 North 32nd Avenue, was confined in jail, earlier this week on a suspicion of rape police said.

Detective Sgt. Maurice H. House said Dabney is charged with allegedly criminally attacking an 18-year-old woman at knife-point, near a dairy in North Birmingham Tuesday night July 2.

The alleged rape victim said that Dabney allegedly forced her into his car and drove to the wooded section of the city where she was reportedly attacked twice, police said.

Charge Filed Against Negro In Rape Case

CAMDEN, Ala., July 26 (AP)—A rape charge was filed today again a 17-year-old Negro who Sheriff P. C. Jenkins said admitted raping a 17-year-old white housewife.

Jenkins said Roy Huff, an odd-jobs worker in the Coy community about eight miles south of Camden, told officers he raped the pregnant woman yesterday.

The sheriff said the youth was being held in the Wilcox County Jail here for a grand jury session scheduled for the last week of October. A crowd gathered in front of the jail last night, but Jenkins said there were only "spectators, units authorized for the aviation looking for information."

"There was no violence," Jenkins added.

He said the woman picked Huff out of a lineup of about five Negroes at the jail today. She had returned home last night after a doctor's examination.

Jenkins said Huff held an open switchblade knife in his hand while he raped the woman. Her husband was at work.

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NEGRO SOUGHT AFTER ATTACKING WHITE GIRL

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Victim Taken To Hospital In Marked Tree

Memphis, Tenn.

Special to The Commercial Appeal

MARKED TREE, (Ark.,) July 22. — Arkansas highway patrolmen and Poinsett County officers were searching Sunday for a Negro who criminally assaulted a 17-year-old white girl on a country road Saturday night about five miles north of here.

The girl and her date were riding on the road. They were forced to stop when they approached another car parked across the road.

The girl's date said the Negro came up to the car and said he was out of gas, and then grabbed the girl. The boy said he told the girl to jump out of the car, which she did.

The boy told Night Marshal W. C. Overton of Marked Tree, that the Negro pulled a knife on him, and he fled. He said he thought the girl had evaded the Negro, and he came into town for help.

Several boys passing in another automobile heard the girl screaming, and brought her to a hospital here. An examination disclosed she had been assaulted.

The girl's date said the Negro told them he was an escaped convict.

Bill Read, chief of the Arkansas Criminal Investigation Bureau, Patrolman Waylord Speer and Deputy Sheriff Ray Holmes are aiding in the search.

DEATH PENALTY SET IN CRIMINAL ATTACK

Commercial Appeal

Negro Arkansan Is Found Guilty Of Assault

Adv. 9-22-56

LITTLE ROCK, Sept. 21.—(AP)—After five hours of deliberation, a Pulaski Circuit Court jury Friday found Luther Bailey, 45-year-old Negro, guilty of criminal assault on a white woman and fixed his punishment at death.

Memphis, Tenn.

Bailey, a stocky former convict, was accused of criminally attacking the 49-year-old woman last June 14 at her Little Rock home.

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The jurors recessed Thursday night after foreman L. P. Williams told Judge William J. Kirby they were deadlocked on a 9-3 vote, apparently on whether to send Bailey to the electric chair or fix his sentence at life imprisonment.

Prosecutor Frank Holt sought the death penalty.

Nine prosecuting witnesses testified, including the white woman.

Testimony of the only defense witness, Irene Wright of Little Rock, was stricken by Judge Kirby on a prosecution motion.

The judge polled the jury immediately after the verdict. The poll showed it was unanimous.

ASSAULT IS RELATED

Commercial Appeal

Woman Testifies She Was Attacked Twice

Fri. 9-21-56

LITTLE ROCK, Sept. 20.—(AP)—A 49-year-old white woman testified Thursday at the trial of Luther Bailey, Negro, 45, that she was criminally assaulted twice in her home shortly after midnight June 14.

Memphis, Tenn.

Bailey is charged with rape. The state is seeking the death penalty against him.

Adv. P. 46

The prosecuting witness did not directly identify Bailey as her attacker.

She identified an identification card bearing Bailey's name which police said was found on the floor of her home.

She identified as hers a purse which Bailey is accused of taking and which a police officer Wednesday testified was found under the front seat of Bailey's automobile.

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Child fails to identify 20th suspect in raping

Copy of a community newspaper of Feb. 23, carrying the story of the brutal rape of a 9-year-old Eastside girl in a deserted house, turned out to be a blind alley as police confronted Willie J. Morgan, 32-year-old metal polisher, in whose car they found the newspaper, with the small rape victim on Wednesday night, only to have her give him a clean bill of health.

Morgan was held, however, on the charge of Mrs. Mildred Matthews, 21, of 2646½ S. LaSalle, that he kidnapped her from the Adams-Normandie bus stop at knifepoint last Friday morning, took her to an unoccupied apartment, to which he had the key, and attacked her.

She scratched her assailant in the struggle, and he told her he would have to kill her, Mrs. Matthews said.

She broke away and ran into another apartment in the building at 1223 W. 24th st., and the man

VICTIM'S DESCRIPTION... according to police artist, of child rapist. Have you seen him?

fled, Mrs. Matthews told police.

Radio car officers, who had been furnished with a description of the rapist's car by the manager of the apartment building, a Mrs. McDuffie, arrested Morgan when they glimpsed a black and pink Pontiac in the West Jefferson traffic, followed it to a gas station at Normandie and Jefferson.

There, an attendant identified it as belonging to a beauty operator across the street. The officers went there and were told by Mrs. Morgan, of 1452 W. 36th pl., where to find her husband.

In the car they found the newspaper, carrying the story of the rape of the child. Similar 'modus operandi' led them to believe Morgan might have pulled both jobs, police said; but the child, who was savagely torn by the man who lured her to the house to get "some Cokes", then held a knife on her, would not identify Morgan.

The child gave police a description of the rapist from which a police artist put together a composite picture of the wanted man, 1000 prints of which have been circulated by Juvenile division officers under Sgt. Robert Green, but to no avail.

In addition to viewing Morgan in a police line-up, the child has inspected some 20 other suspects, police said, but has not identified any.

Morgan, who denied Mrs. Matthews' charge, said he had a friend rent the apartment for him, and that he had taken several women friends there. His face was scratched, police said, but he claimed to have come by the scratches in a fight with a girl "named Rosy who lives in the 5200 block on Smiley drive."

Police sought another rapist following the charges of Mrs. Lena Childs, a census taker, of 2717 Brighton, that she was forced into a car on Normandie between Adams and 27th st. at knifepoint, and driven to a sidestreet.

She was struggling against the man's assault when an unidentified passerby saw what was happening and began to flag a passing car for assistance.

The thug then booted her out of the car, severely spraining her ankle and bruising her, and sped away, the woman reported.

AP wirephoto

ANNE SHAY
... Co-ed slain

Co-ed assaulted and slain while on vacation

MONTEREY, Calif., July 28 — (AP) — A young Army cook assaulted and killed a vacationing New England co-ed early Saturday after persuading her to attend a birthday party with him, Police Chief Charles E. Simpson said.

Pfc. John Kruse Jr., 21, a cook at the Army Language School here, surrendered to military police and said he had fatally beaten Anne Shay, 20, of Fairfield, Conn.

Kruse, just back from Army duty in Germany, was charged with murder.

Chief Simpson reported:

MISS SHAY arrived Friday night with two companions, Carolyn Kuebler, 19, of Ellenton, Pa., and Rachel Anderson of Frenchtown, N. J.

The girls, on a Summer tour, stopped at a hotel and Miss Shay went downtown to make a telephone call, presumably to her parents.

As she was talking, Kruse approached and persuaded her to attend a birthday party of a friend.

Kruse and Miss Shay left the party shortly after midnight and returned to the girls' hotel. In a patio just off the hotel, Kruse suddenly turned on her and began beating her, the chief said.

SIMPSON QUOTED the soldier as saying he was frightened when Miss Shay rebuffed his advances and beat her to prevent her from making a noise.

After the beating, the chief related, Kruse jumped into his car, drove back to his post and surrendered to the first MP he saw. Military authorities turned him over to Monterey police.

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$100,000 slander suit filed against blonde Ala. spinster

WASHINGTON

A park policeman filed a $100,000 suit against a 54-year-old blonde spinster who named him in a traffic case that she appealed, last week, to the Supreme Court.

Officer Louis W. Dutch, 200 block 14th St., NW, filed a complaint for slander and libel in District Court on Tuesday against Miss Susie V. Watwood, 4900 block MacArthur Blvd., NW.

He charges in the suit that Miss Watwood "wrongfully and maliciously" accused him of making "an obscene and indecent exposure" of his person to the defendant last October, when she was arrested on traffic violations.

"These statements made by the defendant were false and derogatory," the officer states. She wrote his superior officers and asked them to discharge him, causing him "humiliation and embarrassment as a member of the U.S. Park Police."

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IN HER appeal to the high court, Miss Watwood said she was "manhandled" by four colored officers. She charged that they arrested her because she was driving a car with Alabama license plates.

Judge Mary Barlow fined Miss Watwood $24 on charges of parking too close to another car, failure to show her permit and registration, passing a stop sign and disorderly conduct.

Miss Watwood appealed the case last November to the Municipal Court of Appeals, which turned her down. She told the court in her application:

"The only time she was requested to show her permit was at No. 3 precinct in the presence of Officer Dutch and officers G. R. Glenn, Grant Wright, C. W. Shoemaker and Harris Willis."

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SHE SAID when she was arrested the officers "swarmed all over her" as she screamed for help from onlookers.

Officer Dutch denied "physically abusing the defendant" in the two-count complaint filed through his attorney, Barrington D. Parker. A jury trial was asked.

Appeals city fine to Supreme Court—

Former Alabama woman says Washington Negro cop framed, insulted her

BY JAMES FREE, News Washington correspondent

WASHINGTON, Oct. 4—A former Alabama woman is taking a $24 traffic fine case to the Supreme Court. She charges that she was "framed" by four Negro policemen because of an Alabama sticker on the rear window of her automobile.

She is Miss Susie V. Watwood, formerly of Birmingham. She runs her own real estate business here. Her father, John W. Watwood, lives at Union Grove, Ala., and she has other relatives in the state. She is 54.

Here is her story, as told The Birmingham News in an interview. A year ago, on Oct. 3, she parked her car at 11:05 a.m. in a one-hour limit zone near her office. When she returned at noon there was a traffic violation ticket on her windshield.

Assuming it was an overtime parking charge, she said she got in her car without reading the ticket, and prepared to drive off. She was blocked by a Negro policeman on a motorcycle.

At first he ordered her to follow him to headquarters, she said, but then he changed his mind, hinted that he would quash the ticket if she "would be nice" to him, and made improper advances.

SHE SAID she called for help and, when an opportunity came, she drove off, heading for police headquarters to report the incident.

When she stopped for a traffic light about a block away, the policeman—joined by three other Negro policemen in a squad car that had been summoned by radio—caught up with her.

Miss Watwood says she was pulled from her car by force, carried in the patrol car to headquarters, and held there for more than an hour. She said the Negro officers, more than once, insulted her and remarked that "this is NOT Alabama, you know."

At police headquarters, she continued, she was told she would be charged with parking too close to another car, failure to show her driver's permit and auto registration card, and passing through a stop sign.

WHEN SHE GOT to Municipal Court Oct. 5—without a legal counsel—she said, she discovered that she also was charged with disorederly conduct. She said the judge—Mary Barlow—refused her requests for a delay until she could get a lawyer or until she could get a shorthand reporter to take down the proceedings.

Miss Watwood said the judge "ignored my story and accepted the stories of the Negro policemen and three other witnesses they brought along." She was found guilty on all counts, given the choice of paying a $24 fine or spending 10 days in jail. She paid.

She said the local newspaper stories, virtually ignoring her side of the story, caused her great humiliation and embarrassment. She added that a twisted arm, suffered in the encounter with the Negro policemen, caused her to lose three weeks away from her work.

Due to what she calls "poor legal advice," she was unable to get lower appeals courts here to overrule the Municipal Court decision.

NOW SHE HAS another attorney, Carl L. Shipley, who thinks she has excellent grounds for the Supreme Court appeal. He says she is the victim of "drumhead justice," and that the handling of the case in Municipal Court "stinks to high heaven."

Most inexcusable of all—in the court, Shipley says, was the fact that the charges of disorderly conduct was added without any notice whatever to Miss Watwood. He says, too, that the judge erred in not granting Miss Watwood's requests for a chance to get an attorney and a stenographic transcript of the proceedings.

A spokesman for the Park Police, which made the arrest, said that the multiple charges against Miss Watwood were "forced upon the officers by her hysterical and non-cooperative attitude."

This spokesman said a complaint by Miss Watwood against the arresting officers was investigated thoroughly by federal authorities and found to be "without substance."

Park Police, under the Interior Department, had jurisdiction in this case as the incident took place in a federal park area, known as the Ellipse, behind the White House.

MISS WATWOOD is convinced that she violated no laws. She points out that at the time of the incident a year ago Alabama was and had been much in the news with top headlines about the Autherine Lucy case and the Montgomery bus boycott.

"I feel sure," she said, "that it was that Alabama sticker on my car window that set this whole thing off.

"I don't care about the $24 fine. It's the way I was treated and humiliated that concerns me. If this sort of thing can happen to me, it can happen to others. That's why I am going to all this trouble and expense to try to get this injustice corrected."

Arlington Model Beaten, Raped By Abductor

Forced Into Auto At Knifepoint While Approaching Home

An attractive 22-year-old Arlington woman was abducted at knifepoint and raped early today, county police reported.

Arlington police broadcast a lookout for an unidentified man, about 25 years old with wavy hair and protruding teeth. They said he is wanted for kidnaping and rape.

A Department of Interior employe, the victim is attending a modeling school. She is single.

She was walking home from a Columbia pike bus stop when she was accosted by a man who forced her into a car. She was threatened and beaten during a terror-filled ride into Fairfax County, she told police, and was attacked after the driver stopped the car near Centreville, Va.

Returned Near Home

Nearly three hours later she was returned to a point about three blocks from her home and the vehicle, with lights out, sped away.

Returning home about 2 a.m. she called her mother, who notified police. A doctor treated her for a blackened left eye and scratches on the face and throat.

Detective Sergt. Russell L. Runyon said the woman gave this account to Detectives William Dinsmore and Walter Cauffman:

About 11 p.m. she got off a bus at Columbia pike and Highland street and started walking toward her home about three blocks away. A car drove slowly past her twice. Later the man came up behind on foot, cupped his hand over her mouth, pressed the hunting knife in her back and pushed her into his car.

Threatened and Beaten

She was threatened and beaten during the ride. Beyond Centreville the car stopped and she was raped.

The attacker returned her to Arlington, stopping briefly for an unexplained reason on a parking lot near the Navy Annex.

Then he took her to South Irving street about three blocks from her home. The car then sped off.

Car About 10 Years Old

The woman said the car was a Plymouth about 10 years old. In the dark she was unable to see the license number.

Just before 2 a.m. she telephoned her mother, who also lives in Arlington. The mother called police who took the victim to a doctor's office.

On the ride back to Arlington after the attack, the woman said she wrested the knife from the man. In the scuffle she was cut on the finger and wrist. He got the knife back.

3 Accused In Assault On Girl, 15

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Tues. 5-22-56
Miami, Fla.

Warrants were issued Monday charging three teenaged boys with rape. Action to be taken against three others will be decided by the Juvenile Court.

Those charged in the warrants, issued by Peace Justice Ruth Sutton, were Gordon W. Wainwright, 18, of 9260 Green Ave., Perrine; Frank Roberts, 17, of 8181 SW 23rd Ter., and James W. Phillips, 17, of 1612 SW 18th St.

Those being held in Youth Hall are 15 years old. A hearing will be held for them in Juvenile Court on Wednesday or Friday.

Sgt. Manson Hill, of the Sheriff's Criminal Bureau of Investigation, said one of the older suspects had been going with the 15-year-old girl in the case, and said he wanted to marry her.

But, the officer was told, on Saturday night a sailor bragged to this youth that he and a mate had been intimate with the girl.

Enraged, the boy enlisted his friends, picked up the girl and took her to a canal bank in Coral Gables, where five youths held her and one attacked her. She claimed three of them assaulted her in this fashion.

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Rape of Children by White and Negro Men Reported Spreading in North Carolina

By VICTOR CALVERTON

GREENWILL, N. C.—(ANP)—Rape on children by men is spreading in North Carolina among both Negro and white families.

Almost weekly a father, white or colored, is carried to court on charges of raping his daughter or foster daughter.

In the last case reported here the father is facing a dual charge.

Sheriff Ruel W. Tyson reported last week that John W. Harrington, 36, of Route 2, Ayden, N. C., had been arrested and was being held without bond in Pitt county for the rape of his 11-year-old foster daughter and an assault upon his five-year-old foster daughter.

The sheriff said Harrington had been arrested as a result of a complaint from the children's mother. Harrington was reported to be living with his common-law wife near Ayden, and the two children are the woman's by a previous marriage.

The story came to light after Harrington allegedly beat the five-year-old girl. Her back stil bears the large welts where she was beaten with a stick or large switch. Her mouth was swollen where several of the blows had landed, Tyson said.

Both the beating and the criminal assault upon the 11-year-old girl occurred at their farm dwelling.

When Harrington was given a preliminary hearing before Justice of the Peace Luther Moore, he was bound over to the net terxm of Pitt County Superior court with no bond. The case, based on probable cause found at the hearing, will go to the grand jury Aug. 27.

Deputy Sheriff N. H. Byrd and Ayden Chief of Police C. V. Chandler investigated the case.

Two Girls, Leaving Church, Attacked; Police Hunt Youths

Daily World Sun. 9-23-56 Atlanta, Ga.

A search has been launched for four youths accused of criminally attacking two young girls after a Saturday night church meeting, police reported. P.1

The two girls, who listed their ages as 14 and 16, told police three boys grabbed them as they stepped from an elevator in an Auburn Ave., building. After they had been attacked once, they were returned to Auburn Avenue where the fourth youth joined them and repeated the act reports added. 27h(1)

Ptl. W. T. Hollingsworth and G. R. Meadows quoted the girls as saying they were leaving a church meeting when the boys twisted their arms and forced them into an ivory colored 1952 Ford. They were allegedly driven to the rear of Oakland Cemetery where the trio forced affection on them.

After returning the girls to Auburn Avenue, a fourth boy joined the attackers and the girls were then forced into 1949 Ford, driven to the same spot and again tormented police reported. Medical authorities at Grady Hospital found evidence of the attack, police said.

The officers listed numbers of license plates on the two cars believed used in the crime.

Man Is Jailed On Attack Charge

Daily World Sun. 9-23-56 Atlanta, Ga.

James Palmer, 26, of 466 Stonewall St. S. W. was jailed Saturday in connection with an alleged criminal attack on a 26-year-old mother of two children.

The young mother told police Pope came to her home and asked if her husband were at home. Finding him away, her story continued, Pope forced his way into the dwelling and placed a knife on her throat. He first offered her money for intimate relations, but when she refused threatened with a gun he claimed was under his shirt, the woman told police.

The woman quoted Pope as saying he was a sex maniac, reported Dets. Howard Baugh and J. C. Perry. 27h(1) 9a

She reportedly escaped by telling him someone was at the door. He told her to answer the door, she said, but she ran into the street and was chased onto the porch of the woman's neighbor, reports said.

The woman's 10 month old son and four-year-old daughter were asleep when the alleged attack occurred, officers said. The dectives said they found the accused man at home with another woman.

Police Hunt Attacker Of 11-Year Old Girl

Daily World Sat. 9-15-56 Atlanta, Ga. 27h(1)

By SAMUEL L. ADAMS

A search was launched yesterday for a 29-year-old man wanted for the alleged rape of a 11-year-old girl on Northside Dr., police reported.

The man, Henry Holland, 342 Northside Dr., SW, Apt. 220, was discovered under the bed in the home of the girl he is accused of attacking, reports revealed. The young girl's mother said she found him there about 10:30 a. m. when she returned home to find the door locked from the inside.

Police quoted the mother as saying she knocked on the door but it took her young daughter five minutes to let her in. As the girl began relating the story of the attack, the report continued, Holland jumped from under the bed and escaped.

A Medical examination of the girl revealed no injury, but evidence of relations was found on her disarranged clothing, police reported. The victim told officers she was molested three days in a row, with the rape attempt occurring on the third day.

Repeating the little girl's story, police said Holland tried three days in a row to rape her. He allegedly offered her money and carried her to school Thursday.

When he came back to the child's home to carry her to school Friday morning, he forced her into a bed and attempted to attack her criminally, police said. He apparently was surprised by the girl's mother.

A 1950 Pontiac automobile belonging to the rape-suspect was impounded, police said.

In an interview with Daily World reporters, the mother said the incident occurred after she went to visit a woman with whom Holland lives. She inquired about the man in question and was advised that he had gone out to use the telephone. She said she returned immediately to find the door locked.

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When questioned about the locked door, the mother said her daughter claimed she had been in the bathroom. Suspicious circumstances including a rumpled bed, led her to look under the bed, she said but the suspect jumped from his hiding place and fled.

Another case, which on the surface appeared to be a crime of lust, involved a Northwest Atlanta woman who was rescued from an attacker by her husband. The attack took place near the woman's home as she was returning from a dance. The husband heard her screams and quickly came to her rescue.

The unidentified attacker, who had been walking behind the victim for some distance, suddenly knocked the woman down with his fist police reported. She suffered a bursted lip and scratches on the knees.

Ptl. J. E. McKinley and H. H. Hooks said the hoodlum fled when the woman's husband came to her aid.

Man Sought In Assault At Augusta

27h(1) Atlanta, Ga. P13

AUGUSTA, Oct. 12 (AP)—A 17-year-old white woman was raped early Friday by a stocky Negro who forced his way into her suburban home shortly after the soldier husband had left for work.

Carlton N. Pond, chief criminal investigator for the Richmond County sheriff's department, said the woman went to the front door when she heard a noise, the Negro opened the door, threatened the woman and then attacked her.

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Pond said the woman's husband had left for Ft. Gordon at 5:15 a.m. and the attack took place 30 minutes later. The officer said apparently the Negro had "staked out" the house and was waiting only for the soldier to leave.

She was taken to Ft. Gordon Hospital where Friday afternoon she was reported in good condition. Sat. 10-13-56

The county officers have a description of the Negro and are engaged in a county-wide search for him.

Assault Charge Draws Sentence

Constitution P.9 Mon. 10-1-56

Constitution State News Service

TIFTON, Sept. 30—A 15-year-old Omega Negro boy was found guilty in Tift Superior Court on a charge of raping a blind Negro girl in July, and was sentenced to three to five years in the public works camp.

The crime took place in Omega at the home of the girl, testimony revealed.

Rape Charged to Youth

Constitution Sept. 27 Sat. 9-29-56

OMEGA, Ga.—Justice of the Peace, J. W. Harvey, ordered bound over to the September term of the Tift County grand jury a 16-year-old youth on a rape charge. The youth was arrested and charged with raping a 15-year-old blind girl. 2

6:30 a. m. Friday and was attacked as she was returning with her purchase. She said the incident occurred almost in front of her mother's home which is located a short distance from where the victim lived with her husband.

"A short, slew footed and heavy lipped man, wearing a black coat and brown trousers," dragged her between two houses and continued assaulting her criminally for some 40 minutes before releasing her, the woman said.

She said he uttered no words and gace no warning before pouncing on her and stabbing her in the back. He the began using vile language, she added.

Ptl. G. T. Ward and C. T. Dopson said the stab wounnd in the woman's back was four inches. The woman was bleeding from the wound while the assault was taking place. She called police from her mother's home.

She recalled: "I had a chance to run, but I just thought he was somebody passing me on the street."

Young Housewife Suffers Assault

Daily World Atlanta, Ga. Sat. 11-24-56 P.1-1

By SAMUEL ADAMS

A search was launched yesterday for a suspect who cut and beat a 23-year-old housewife and then criminally assaulted her for some 40-minutes before releasing her, it was reported.

The alleged attack occurred during early daytime hours about 50 feet from the Northeast Atlanta home of the victim's mother police reported. The woman suffered abrasions of the face and neck, as well as torn garments. 27h(1)

The young housewife told reporters she walked from her home to secure bread from the bakery about

ARMY STRIVES TO PATCH UP RELATIONS

Rape Sparks Request Of Bamberg To Remove GIs

BAMBERG, Germany, July 13 (AP) — U. S. Army commanders moved quickly today to patch up strained relations with local authorities after the Bamberg City Council last night called for withdrawal of American troops from this Bavarian city.

The unprecedented demand was sparked by the alleged raping of a 15-year-old school girl by seven American soldiers. Formal charges against the seven were filed yesterday, less than 72 hours after the alleged assaults occurred.

U. S. 10th Infantry Division commander Maj. Gen. Barksdale Hamlett came here today to make a personal investigation of the case. He met Bamberg Mayor Luitpold Weegmann to inform him of the Army's action in the case.

Col. M. M. Huston, commanding officer of the 85th Infnatry regiment, stationed here, assured Bambergers that, "In the interest of good will established here this command will continue in the concerted efforts to eliminate unfortunate incidents adversely affecting our relationship."

The Bamberg City Council also decided last night to limit official German-American relations here to the "minimum necessary" and ordered American soldiers barred from the biggest outdoors swimming pool because they were "causing a public nuisance."

A 10th Division spokesman said no American troops are confined to their barracks any longer. Army officials said last night the entire 85th Regiment had been confined to barracks immediately after the raping, and that only selected groups of soldiers were allowed to go to town on the following days. The 85th came here last November from Ft. Riley, Kan.

Army officials seemed taken aback by the City Council resolution. It was the most vehement protest in a barrage of criticism by local authorities and the West German press against what the Germans claim is an increase in Allied—and in particular American—indignities. The U. S. Army has denied there is any upward trend in the number of incidents involving GIs but added that it is "not standing on statistics."

7 NEGRO GI'S GUILTY OF ASSAULTING GIRL

German Teenager's Attackers Could Get Life Terms

WUERZBURG, Germany, Aug. 23.—(UP)—A United States Army general courtmartial today found seven American soldiers guilty of the rape of a 15-year-old German schoolgirl.

The verdict, handed down by the 10th Infantry Division court, came after 10 days of legal arguments. The court will reconvene Friday to hear pleas of mitigation and extenuating circumstances before sentencing the men.

The soldiers, all Negro members of the 10th Division, are subject to any penalty less than death.

The seven convicted Thursday were:

Pfc. Edward L. Brown, 18, of Norwich, Conn.; Pvt. Melvin F. Carter, 24, of Harrisonburg, Va.; Pfc. James E. Wilson, 18, of Wilmington, Del.; Pvt. Clifton Franks, 20, of Omaha, Neb.; Pvt. James Gordon, 23, of Alachua, Fla.; Pfc. Fred Chandler, 21, of Kansas City, Mo., and Pfc. Raymond L. Kasey, 20, of Roanoke, Virginia.

The gang rape in Bamberg July 9 climaxed a wave of GI-German incidents, and caused demands by the Bamberg City Council for withdrawal of all American troops.

The trial itself touched off another incident in German-American relations. The Bavarian state government Tuesday adopted a resolution demanding that American servicemen be made subject to trial in German courts.

The resolution charged defense counsel Maj. Leonard Petkoff of Milly Valley, Calif., with "brutal" methods in crossexamining the 15-year-old victim.

The girl was unable to complete the trial and because the defense thus was deprived of the right to crossexamine, the court ruled the death penalty could not be imposed.

SOLDIERS SENTENCED IN TEENAGER ASSAULT

Four Given Life And Three Get 40 Years

WUERZBURG, Germany, Aug. 24.—(UP)—A United States Army court-martial Friday sentenced four soldiers to life imprisonment and three others to 40 years for the mass assault of a 15-year-old German girl.

The seven men, all Negroes, also received dishonorable discharges and total loss of pay and allowances. The nine-man board delibearted four hours and 55 minutes before handing down the sentences. The convictions and sentences are subject to review.

The seven men were convicted Tuesday of the July 9 assault of the German teenager in a woods near Bamberg. The assault which had brought relations between Germans and American soldiears near a postwar low.

Sentenced to life terms were Pvt. James Gordon, 23, of Alchua, Fla., Pfc. Fred R. Chandler, 21, of Kansas City; Pvt. Melvin Carter, 24 of Harrisonburg, Va., and Pvt. Clifton Franks, 20, of Omaha, Neb.

Sentenced to 40 years each were Pfc. Edward L. Brown, 18, of Norwich, Conn., Pfc. James E. Wilson, 18, of Wilmington, Del., and Pfc. Raymond L. Kasey, 18, of Roanoke, Va.

The young victim, identified only as "Erika L." because of her age, collapsed three times on the witness stand and finally could not finish giving her testimony. It was taken instead in a written deposition.

Because she was not available for cross-examination, the death sentence for the suspects was ruled out automatically.

Before sentences were passed, the court heard a German city attorney testify that the highest term the men would have received in a German court was 15 yeras.

VICTIM OF ASSAULT POINTS OUT 2 GI'S

German Girl Says Negroes Assaulted Her 5 Times

WUERZBURG, Germany, Aug. 8.—(UP)—A 15-year-old German schoolgirl, testifying in tears that she was a victim of mass assault a month ago, Wednesday identified two American soldiers as participants.

The men—Pvt. James Gordon, 23, of Alachua, Fla., and Pfc Fred R. Chandler, 21, of Kansas City, Mo.—are among seven Negro soldiers on trial in the case.

The blonde girl's voice quivered at times and tears streamed down her face as she appeared as a prosecution witness before a general court-martial.

The girl, whose name was not made public because of her age, said she was assaulted five times in a period of about 15 minutes while her German boy friend was restrained.

The seven soldiers are charged with assaulting her last July 9 in a woods near Bamberg, where they are stationed. The incident set off a wave of German protests against American soldiers.

The girl testified that, as far as she could recall, she was assaulted five times in all. A court official said later at an intermission that in the eyes of the law all seven were equally involved.

Sitting erect in the witness chair and speaking softly, she said that she and her German friend, 23, were resting under a tree when two soldiers approached them.

One of the soldiers, she said, offered her friend a cigaret, but he refused it. When she and her companion left, she said, they noticed some soldiers were following them.

"Then we started running," she said, "but were overtaken."

The girl said that some of the soldiers dragged her into the woods while others restrained her companion.

Afterward, she and her escort reported the incident to her parents, who in turn notified the police.

The blond-haired girl wore a simple gray suit and flat-heeled shoes. She looks older than her age.

Asked if she recognized in the court any of the soldiers who attacked her she replied affirmatively and singled out Gordon and Chandler.

The others are Pfc. Edward L. Brown, 18, of Norwich, Conn.; Pvt. Melvin F. Carter, 24, of Harrisonburg, Va.; Pfc. James E. Wilson Jr., 18, of Wilmington, Del.; Pvt. Clifton Franks, 21, of Omaha, Neb.; and Pfc. Raymond L. Kasey, 18, of Roanoke, Virginia.

All have pleaded innocent. The maximum punishment is death.

GERMAN GIRL COLLAPSES AT GI RAPE TRIAL

1 of 7 Yanks Described as Moron

WUERZBURG, Germany, Aug. 10 [Reuters]—A 15 year old German schoolgirl collapsed today for the second time in the courtroom where seven American soldiers are on trial by general court martial on a charge of having raped her.

After she was examined by doctors, the girl was taken to her home in Bamberg in an American army ambulance. She collapsed the first time on Wednesday, causing an adjournment of the trial until today.

The girl was in the witness box under cross-examination by defense counsel for about five minutes this morning. She started weeping and shaking even before the questioning began. Then she broke into a fit of sobbing, crying "I cannot go on" and slumped in her chair. A nursing sister led her out of the room, where she collapsed completely.

Reliving Scene, Say Doctors

Doctors said she would not be able to resume the witness stand before next Tuesday. They reported she was "intensely reliving the scene," and was "almost out of her senses."

The alleged attack on the girl raised an outburst of anti-American feeling and brought demands from Bamberg officials for the withdrawal of American troops.

GI Called Moron

One of the soldiers on trial was described in court today as a "moderate to high grade moron."

An American army psychologist, Capt. James I. Bedlund, said Clifton Franks, 21, of Omaha, Neb., was "on the border line of mental defective ability."

The offense was alleged to have taken place in a forest outside Bamberg July 9, while the girl was out for a walk with her 23 year old German boy friend.

German school girl breaks down again on witness stand

WUERZBURG, Germany, Aug. 10—(AP)—With tears streaming down her cheeks, a 15-year-old German school girl sobbed she could not continue testifying today in the court-martial of seven U. S. soldiers charged with raping her.

Just after she took the stand at resumption of the trial, emotion overcame her and she

pleaded:
"I can't any more."
The trial continued with testimony by an Army investigator.

IT WAS the second time during the four-day trial that the girl found the strain of testifying too much for her. She broke down Wednesday while testifying that she was raped five times in a Bamberg woods last July 9 while her 23-year-old student companion was restrained by some of the soldiers involved.

The seven accused soldiers are all Negroes. All pleaded innocent.

7 GIs on Trial In Rape Case

WURBURG, Germany, Aug. 7 (AP).—Seven United States Army soldiers went on trial before a general court-martial today on charges of raping a 15-year-old schoolgirl.

The alleged offense occurred July 9 at nearby Bamberg. It set off bitter German protests against allied troops and brought a request from the Bamberg city council for withdrawal of American soldiers from the town.

West German newspapers and officials charged a sharp upsurge in violent incidents involving allied troops during this year and called for stringent measures. United States officials denied soldier crime was on the increase but promised energetic steps to curb such incidents.

The seven on trial here, all Negroes, are members of the 85th Infantry Regiment stationed at Bamberg.

Maximum punishment on the charge is death.

The defendants are:

Pfc. Edward L. Brown, 18, of Norwalk, Conn.; Pvt. Melvin F. Carter, 24, Harrisonburg, Va.; Pfc. James E. Wilson, 18, Wilmington, Del.; Pvt. Clifton Franks, 20, Omaha, Neb.; Pvt. Jabes James Gordon, 23, Alachua, Fla.; Pfc. Fred Chandler, 21, Kansas City, Mo., and Pfc. Raymond L. Kasey, 18, Roanoke, Va.

Gets 20-Year Term

FRANKFURT, Germany, Aug. 7 (AP).—Pvt. Paul E. Gunn, 21-year-old Negro soldier from Birmingham, Ala., was sentenced by a general court-martial yesterday to 20 years at hard labor for assault with a dangerous weapon and attempted rape.

Gunn pleaded guilty to both charges and offered no statement in mitigation, court officials said.

The charges grew out of an altercation between Gunn and a 34-year-old registered German prostitute June 20 at Hanau.

The sentence is subject to review by higher military authorities.

GIs Attack Two German Women

By the Associated Press.

FRANKFURT, July 17.—Two more attacks on German women were reported today as the Bavarian government mapped action "to protect the life and safety of German citizens" from violence by American troops.

The new reports from Nuremberg added fuel to the growing resentment among many Germans over a series of crimes charged to U.S. servicemen stationed in Germany.

Nuremberg police said a soldier in civilian clothes tried to assault a 19-year-old nursemaid near an army post but fled when the girl's screams attracted attention.

Frightened Off.

The police said another American soldier in uniform attempted to assault a 63-year-old woman in the same vicinity a few hours later. He also ran when the woman screamed.

A meeting of U.S. troop commanders and German mayors, police chiefs and newspaper editors was called at Fuerth to discuss the problem.

A special session of the Bavarian cabinet at Munich, the state capital, authorized Minister-President Wilhelm Hoegner to take action for protection of German citizens.

Incidents on Rise.

The step was taken, spokesmen said, "in the face of the increasing number of incidents and several serious crimes." The cabinet also authorized Hoegner to complain to the West German government in Bonn and to the local U.S. commander.

Beer halls and bars frequented by U.S. servicemen will be supervised closely by Bavarian police to halt "public nuisances and indecencies," the announcement said. The federal interior ministry was asked to establish police patrols in "endangered areas."

The cabinet session was called as a result of the fatal beating of a German at Munich and the death of another at Fuerth over the weekend.

GIs Identified as Rapists

WUERZBURG, Germany, Aug. 8 (AP)—A 15-year-old German schoolgirl, testifying in tears that she was a victim of mass rape a month ago today identified two American soldiers as participants.

The men—Pvt. James Gordon, 23, of Alachua, Fla., and Pfc. Fred R. Chandler, 21, of Kansas City, Mo. — are among seven soldiers on trial in the case.

The blond girl's voice quivered and tears streamed down her face as she told a general court martial she was raped five times in a period of about 15 minutes while her German boy friend was restrained.

The seven soldiers are charged with raping her last July 9 in a woods near Bamberg, where they are stationed. The incident set off a wave of German protests against American soldiers.

The girl said she and her German friend, 23, were resting under a tree when two soldiers approached them. One of the soldiers, she said, offered her friend a cigarette, but he refused it. When she and her companion left, she said, they noticed some soldiers were following them.

"Then we started running," she said, "but were overtaken."

The girl said some of the soldiers dragged her into the woods while others restrained her companion. Afterward, she and her escort reported the incident to her parents, who in turn notified the police.

The other soldiers accused are Pfc. Edward L. Brown, 18 Norwich, Conn.; Pvt. Melvin F Carter, 24, Harrisonburg, Va.; Pfc. James E. Wilson Jr., 18, Wilmington, Del.; Pvt. Clifton Franks, 21, Omaha, Neb.; and Pfc. Raymond L. Kasey, 18, Roanoke, Va.

[Some 15 German correspondents and photographers were on hand here, but the group did not include representatives of either of the two Bamberg newspapers that have been the most bitter in their criticism of American servicemen, the Chicago Daily News reported.]

Canadians Are Ace-High With Germans, MPs Told

Chicago Daily News Service

OTTAWA, Aug. 8—Canadian soldiers stationed in West Germany stand ace-high with the German authorities, the civilian population and the NATO high command.

Maj. Gen. George Pearkes, V. C., a veteran of two world wars, gave the good word in a speech to his fellow MPs after a visit to Canada's fighting men. It was especially good coming from the general, who serves as Conservative Party spokesman on military affairs and is often critical of the defense services and defense policies of the Liberal government.

Pearkes said he met the civilian authorities of the Soest area, where the Canadians are stationed. They were loud in their praise of the Canadians and of the happy relations between troops and civilians. A senior officer of the new German army expressed appreciation of the services of Canadian instructors made available to him. Pearkes found German officers frequenting Canadian messes and on friendly terms with Canadians.

Rule Out Death Sentence In German Rape Case

Wuerzburg, Germany, Aug. 21 —Trial of seven U. S. soldiers on charges of raping a 15-year-old German girl will reopen here Tuesday, the U. S. 10th Division announced today. But this time the men will not face a death penalty.

The girl, whose identity was not revealed, collapsed on the witness stand during cross-examination last week and will not re-appear, it was announced.

The court will receive a written deposition with her evidence. Since there will be not opportunity for cross-examination, the court martial cannot hand down a death sentence if the men are found guilty.

The seven defendants are Negroes.

40 Years for 3rd Others

4 GIs Given Life In Assault Case

WUERZBURG, Germany — (UP) — Four American Negro soldiers were sentenced to life imprisonment Friday and three others were given 40-year prison terms for the rape of a 15-year-old German girl.

All also were given dishonorable discharges and total forfeiture of all pay and allowances.

A nine-officer court-martial board handed down the sentences after deliberating for 4 hours and 55 minutes.

Those who received life terms are Pvt. James Gordon, 23, of Alachua, Fla.; Pfc. Fred R. Chandler, 21, of Kansas City, Mo.; Pvt. Melvin Carter, 24, of Harrisonburg, Va.; and Pvt. Clifton Franks, 20, of Omaha, Neb.

Those given 40-year terms are Pfc. Edward L. Brown, 18, of Norwich, Conn.; Pfc. James E. Wilson, 18, of Wilmington, Del.; and Pfc. Raymond L. Kasey, 18, of Roanoke, Va.

In nearby Fuerth, the Army announced that 25-year-old Sgt. Jeff Spruell of Birmingham, Ala., was sentenced to four years imprisonment for attempted rape and resisting arrest.

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VOTE TO INDICT DETECTIVE FOR GIRL'S ASSAULT

Daily Tribune
Wed. 10-17-56
Chicago, Ill.

Identified by Pupil, 17, in Pistol Whipping

Detective Arthur Taylor reportedly was named yesterday by the county grand jury in a true bill charging assault to murder. He had been arrested Monday night on a charge of beating a south side high school girl with a pistol.

Virginia Wenzel, 17, of 7343 Dante av., a senior at Aquinas High school, identified Taylor as the man who assaulted her as she was airing her dog in Blackstone av. near 74th st.

Detective Suspended

Taylor, 27, of 9205 Princeton av., who had been assigned to the robbery detail, denied the accusation. He was released in $5,000 bond. Deputy Police Commissioner Kyran Phelan suspended Taylor.

Miss Wenzel told police a green automobile drew alongside as she was walking in Blackstone av. She screamed as a tall man stepped out of the car with a pistol in his hand. The man told her, "Shut your mouth or I'll blow your brains out."

She continued to scream as he grabbed her by the right shoulder and swung at her with his gun.

Jots Down License

"I rolled with the blow as it landed on the left side of my forehead," she said. "Then I ducked away, still screaming."

The man walked back to the car and drove east in 74th st. Portman Wittenberg, 31, of 632 E. 101st st., an employe in the gas station at 7358 Stony Island av., heard the girl's screams a block away, saw the driver of the car, and jotted down the license of the auto.

The license checked to Taylor, who was arrested in his home. At 2 a. m. yesterday both Miss Wenzel and Wittenberg identified him.

Detective Faces Assault to Murder Charge

Detective Arthur Taylor (left) and Virginia Wenzell (right) before bench in Criminal court as Taylor was arraigned on girl's charge that he beat her with a pistol when she resisted his advances on street.

[TRIBUNE Photo]

30 Men Questioned In Columbia Rape

Courier-Journal
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Columbia, Ky. Dec. 17 (AP)—Adair County Deputy Sheriff Herman Rogers said today about 30 men had been questioned in the beating and raping of a 33-year-old woman.

Rogers said the woman was unable to identify any of those picked up as the man who attacked her in her home here shortly after midnight last Wednesday.

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The deputy said the attack took place in a bedroom after the mother of two children had surprised a man in her kitchen.

Struck by Attacker

The white woman, who is separated from her husband and lives alone with her children, 12 and 6, said her Negro attacker struck her in the face before dragging her into the bedroom.

She described him as between 20 and 25 and weighing about 160.

The deputy said he and State Police Detective William Smith had been conducting the investigation. He said a blue cap, apparently dropped by the assailant, had been taken by Smith to Frankfort for laboratory examination.

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SUSPECT IN RAPE, MURDER ARRESTED

(Special to The Times-Picayune)

ALEXANDRIA, La., Nov. 1—Sheriff Grady D. Kelley Jr. said Thursday he is holding a 36-year-old Negro from Shelby, Miss., who has confessed to the rape murder of a Negro woman in Chicago in September.

Kelley said the man, Jesse Adams, had been arrested twice in the last three weeks by Pineville police, on a theft charge. His fingerprints were sent to the FBI in Washington and a report to Kelley showed he was wanted for the Chicago murder.

Kelley said Adams admitted the crime to deputy Walter Reynolds and FBI agents and he has signed extradition papers.

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Campus Scandal

Raped Co-ed Accuses 5 At Morgan!

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BALTIMORE, Md.—Five men students who took part in the criminal assault of a Morgan State co-ed on the campus of the college were out on bail after being held for court in Northeastern Police Station.

The 18-year-old co-ed, a graduate of Taylor Allderdice High School, Pittsburgh, who lived with her sister in Baltimore, has returned home to Pittsburgh but will return to give testimony at the trial of the five students.

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THE ATTACK followed a 2:15 A. M. false fire alarm which occurred when several girl students returned to Morgan campus from week-end trips and found their dormitory doors locked, after which rumors of plans for a "panty raid" by men students flooded the campus.

According to testimony at the Police Court hearing, the girl was attacked while in a car with her escort, John R. Lee, 19, 6435 Kenwood Ave., Chicago, on a dirt road behind the school. The five men approached the car and took the co-ed from her escort, police said.

The girl stated that the men, one of them William Merrill Pratt, 20, 615 Front St., Palmyra, N. J., a roommate of her escort, argued over which one "would be first."

The girl's screams, upon the first attack, drew the attention of the campus patrolman, Edward Ballard, 2920 Clinton Ave., who said he had gone around the building to investigate another matter.

Pratt, one of the college's track stars, was charged with rape by carnally knowing and abusing the girl and with conspiring to commit rape.

Kenneth W. Parker, 18, 133 Princess St., Dobbs, Md., was charged with assault by attempting to rape, conspiring to commit rape, and accessory before the fact.

Charges of conspiring to commit rape and accessory before the fact were also placed on Stephen S. Thomas, 19, 237 Clinton St., Sterling M. Parker, 19, 716 60th Ave., Fairmount Heights, and Alan E. Jones, 19, 15 Weynah Ter., New Rochelle, N. Y.

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UNDER Maryland law, persons convicted of rape or accessory before the fact can receive the death penalty or life in the penitentiary or undergo penitentiary confinement for not less than 18 months or more than 21 years.

5 athletes win their freedom

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BALTIMORE

"The whole affair was both unfortunate and, I might say, reprehensible. It is a reflection on your school and it is a reflection on you.

"I do not feel it was a rape case. I thought at the time that Pratt had used undue force on the girl, but she had consented. Now, I will repeat, your conduct was very reprehensible.

"Even if the girl was here, I would have to find you legally not guilty. That does not mean that you are not guilty of a moral crime, but that is on your conscience."

Five well-dressed former Morgan State College freshmen, accused in the May 14 "lover's lane" rape case on the campus, stood silently by as Judge James K. Cullen made final disposition of the matter.

The youths were arrested after a 19-year-old Pittsburgh coed, Miss Mary E. Harper, charged she had been criminally attacked while seated in a car in an "off limits" area of Morgan's campus with her escort, Robert (Bobby) Lee, of Chicago.

ACQUITTED IN Tuesday's action were William Merrill Pratt, 20, Palmrya, N.J., freshman track star; Kenneth W. Parker, 18, Dobbs, Md.; Sterling Parker, 19, Fairmount Heights, Md.; Stephen S. Thomas, 19, East Orange, N.J.; and Allen E. Jones, 19, New Rochelle, N.Y.

All of the students, including Lee and the girl, were expelled from Morgan last June.

Pratt was tried in mid-June and found not guilty of rape, which carries the death penalty. Instead, Judge Cullen found him guilty of assault. The jurist at that time said:

"This is not a rape case, I think it is an assault case. Here is a girl who meets a boy for the first time, and by the uncontradictory evidence ends up in a car in lovers' lane.

"I think too much happened, but she invited certain approaches."

(The coed testified that on the night of the alleged attack she went on a date with Lee.)

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EARLY LAST month Judge Cullen struck out the guilty verdict against Pratt and placed him on probation without a verdict. This means the youth will have no criminal record but must be under supervision for a year.

Until Tuesday morning Pratt still faced a charge of conspiracy growing out of the rape case.

The charges against the other four were:

Kenneth Parker, assault to rape, accessory before the fact, and conspiracy.

Sterling Parker, Thomas and Jones, accessory before the fact and conspiracy.

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JUDGE CULLEN overruled a motion by attorneys for the defendants to dismiss the charges at the outset of the proceedings.

Francis Meagher, State's attorney, at this point told the court he and the defense lawyers had agreed to rest the case on the testimony in the earlier Pratt case.

It was then that Judge Cullen announced his decision.

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PARENTS AND relatives of the defendants, who rushed to the corridor and surrounded the acquitted five, refused to discuss the case with reporters.

Present in the crowded courtroom during the proceedings were Joseph Parker, father of Sterling; Mrs. Peter Thomas, mother of the Thomas youth; Mr. and Mrs. Louis Jones, parents of Allen, and Mrs. Vyoma Delauder, mother of Kenneth Parker, who was accompanied by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Lawson.

The coed, who testified at the June trial that she was forcibly raped by Pratt, did not appear in court this week.

The prosecuting attorney said he had contacted the victim's family in Pittsburgh and was told the young woman would be unable to attend the trial because of expenses involved.

According to Mr. Meagher, Miss Harper requested that the charges be dropped.

The end of the Morgan rape case came after defense lawyers filed a series of motions seeking to have the case thrown out of court.

The defense attorneys were Josiah F. Henry Jr. and Llewellyn W. Woolford, for Kenneth Parker; Roland Walker, counsel for Jones; and W. Emerson Brown and Milton Allen, representing Sterling Parker, Thomas and Pratt.

Student testifies in tears

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"Your son is in serious difficulty, please come immediately to Baltimore..." P. 1

That was the somber telegram received by parents of five Morgan College freshmen who are charged with criminal assault (rape), and conspiracy to commit rape on an 18-year-old coed early Tuesday.

Lurid details of the attack which climaxed a three-day campus demonstration marked by false fire alarms and plans for a panty raid, were unfolded in Northeastern Police Station Wednesday morning when the students appeared for the hearing, and the coed herself tearfully described how the boys fought over which one would be the first to attack her.

They had been arrested in the early hours of Tuesday morning after screams of the coed attracted the attention of the campus policeman.

She alleged the five students attacked her after forcing her escort from the car.

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THOSE UNDER arrest are:

William Merrill Pratt, 20, of 815 Front St., Palmyra, N.J., who is charged with rape by carnally knowing and abusing the Pittsburgh coed, and with conspiring to commit rape. Bail, $5,000.

Stephen S. Thomas, 19, 237 S. Clinton St., E. Orange, N.J., conspiring to commit rape, and accessory before the fact, bail, $2,500.

Sterling M. Parker, 19, 716 30th Ave., Fairmount Heights, Md., conspiring to commit rape, accessory before the fact, bail, $2,500.

Kenneth W. Parker, 18, 133 Princess St., Dobbs, Md., assault by attempting to rape, conspiring to commit rape, accessory before the fact, bail, $3,500.

Alan E. Jones, 19, 14 Weynah Ter., New Rochelle, N.Y., conspiring to rape, accessory before the fact, bail, $2,500.

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BECAUSE RAPE is not a bailable offense in Maryland, all were committed to the City Jail.

After Judge Michael Manley signed a writ of habeas corpus, bail was posted for Pratt, Thomas, and Sterling Parker.

Jones and Kenneth Parker raised bail late Thursday.

John Robert Lee, 19, of 6435 Kenwood Ave., Chicago, was the girl's escort. He and the coed were committed to the city jail. cognizance as state's witnesses in the case.

All of the students involved are freshmen and all have been suspended from school.

In Maryland, any person convicted of rape or being accessory before the fact can receive the death penalty or life in the state penitentiary, or undergo confinement in the penitentiary for not less than 18 months, nor more than 21 years.

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THE DEMONSTRATION which preceded the alleged attack occurred early Monday when a group of coeds turned in a false alarm. Afro-American

Students said the girls sounded the alarm after they returned to the campus from weekend trips home, and found their dormitory doors locked. P. 20

Fire Department records show that on that date, firemen were summoned to a dormitory on the Morgan campus at 2:15 a.m.

Of the panty raid report, Dr. Martin Jenkins, president of Morgan, said:

"There was no panty raid here at Morgan. There were rumors of a raid, but this very serious case (referring to the coed attack) has brought a damper on any activity of that kind..."

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THE ATTACK on the freshman student allegedly took place on a dirt road behind the school infirmary around 9:30 p.m. Monday.

In the three-hour police court hearing before Magistrate Simon Schonfield, testimony indicated that the girl was attacked by a group of boys while she and her date were seated in an automobile on the campus.

After the first attack, her screams attracted the attention of a campus police officer.

Officer Edward Ballard of the 2920 block Clifton Ave., said the young women "was screaming for dear life when I heard her.

"I had gone around the building to investigate another matter when I saw a car parked at the end of the road.

"I started down to see what was wrong and heard screams. The car started up. I yelled, 'stop that car,' and the driver almost ran me down. I fired two shots and it kept going.

"I went back and got the girl and boy and took them to the dean's office and called Dr. Jenkins."

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TESTIMONY AT THE hearing was given by the coed and John Robert Lee, 6400 block Kenwood Ave., Chicago.

A packed court room sat in silence as the girl, who resides with a sister in the 2000 block Longwood St., tearfully described how "they argued over who would be first."

Lee, who admitted that he was in the car with the girl when "we heard noises," stated, "There was nothing I could do."

One of the accused students, Pratt, was a roommate of Lee's.

Relatives of all the boys involved attended the police hearing.

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BEFORE THEY were brought from their cells to the courtroom the accused students spent their time reading papers and talking with relatives.

They went before the magistrate attired in bright-colored short sleeved sports shirts and appeared to have had a good night's rest. Each entered a plea of not guilty.

One of those who expressed concern over the outcome of the preliminary hearing was William Thomas, brother of Stephen Thomas. He stated:

"I can't believe it. My mother is really upset about this. Stephen is her baby boy.

"He was an all-state football player in E. Orange and was on the track team.

"The school notified us by telegram. I still can't believe it."

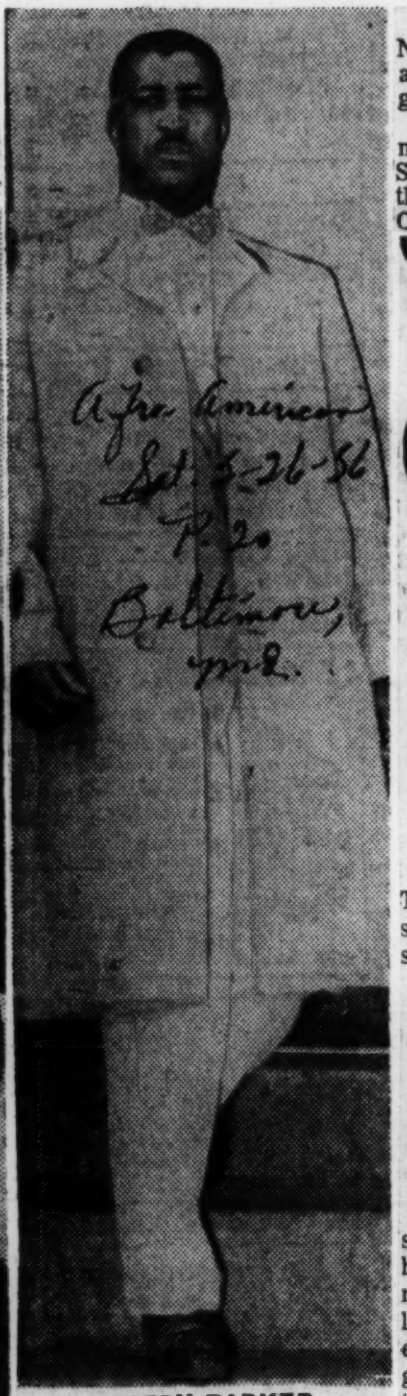
THE GRANDPARENTS of Kenneth Parker declared: "We just don't know what to think."

In small groups the families talked quietly among themselves while arrangements were made for the boys to obtain the services of an attorney.

JOHN R. LEE
Girl's escort

Assistant state's attorney Francis Meagher interrogated the witnesses. William M. Toadvine and Robert Watts represented Lee and the young woman.

Milton Allen represented Thomas, Sterling Parker, Kenneth Parker and Pratt. W. Emerson Brown represented Jones.



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JOSEPH PARKER
Sterling's father

Among spectators in the courtroom were President Jenkins; Dean of Men Leonard Anderson, Father Cedric E. Miller, Dr. J. C. Campbell, school physician; Dr. Maurice Lee, Morgan professor; and McQuay Kiah, Morgan instructor.

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ALSO, RELATIVES of the accused boys including: Mrs. Vioma Delauder, Dobbs, Md., mother of Kenneth Parker; Mr. and Mrs. Joseph E. Parker of Fairmont Heights, Md., parents of Sterling Parker;

Mrs. Mary Pratt, Palmyra, N.J., mother of Merrill Pratt; and twfo of his brothers and his girlfriend, all of Palmyra;

And, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Thomas, E. Orange N.J., parents of Stephen Thomas; and his brother, William Thomas, E. Orange.

'Horrible experience

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(EDITOR'S NOTE: It is AFRO policy not to mention the names of girls and women who are victims of criminal assault and/or rape. For that reason, the name of the Morgan coed who alleges she was attacked, does not appear in this and other stories dealing with the case.)

Baltimore, Md.

"It was a horrible experience. They just rushed up to the car, snatched my escort out, and started after me..." P. 1

Her drawn face plainly showing the strain she has been under, the 18-year-old Morgan coed who accused five students of attacking her early Tuesday morning, talked with an AFRO reporter on Thursday.

A handsome, well-built girl, she pulled her sweater around her at the half-closed door of the neat row house where she has lived with her sister and brother-in-law since enrolling in Morgan in February, and added: "I've become resigned now to what has happened.

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"MY ADVICE for any girl starting college," she said, "is not to associate with people you don't know. P. 20

"I have some wonderful friends on the campus. These boys I didn't know at all.

"I'm going to transfer to another college," she said. "I have been going to mixed schools all my life.

"I'm from Pittsburgh, and for fraternal relationships, I came to Morgan," she said wistfully.

"I guess I will go to another mixed school now. I can enroll in the University of Pittsburgh."

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HER VOICE, showing her concern over the situation, was troubled as she said:

"My mother and father are very much upset over this. My father is coming down here to see what he can do.

"I hope those boys are found guilty. This is a terrible thing."

Meantime, at her Pittsburgh Beauty shop, the girl's mother told the AFRO:

"I am just so upset."

Asked if her daughter had been requested to withdraw from Morgan, she said:

"I understand that my daughter did withdraw.

"I don't like it at all. I spoke with someone yesterday and he said that it was the best thing to be done but I don't."

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THE MOTHER said that the person she had talked with was Dr. Martin Jenkins, the president.

"I'm having my lawyer get in touch with college officials," she said.

"She is my oldest daughter," she said. "She just got out of high school last year.

"She's always been a quiet girl who studies hard. She was an honor student at Taylor-Allerdice High School. She made a very good record there."

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ASKED BY the reporter if she planned to come to Baltimore, she replied:

"Yes, I'll be down... for the trial."

To the question about the other children in the family, she said:

"I have one 17, one 15 and one 12. There are two other girls. She was the first to go to college—in fact, the first to be away from home."

She said that she sent her daughter to Morgan because "I have another daughter living there in Baltimore, and I thought it would be nice if she lived there.

"Her real father is dead but her stepfather is very concerned.

"He is also coming down for the trial."

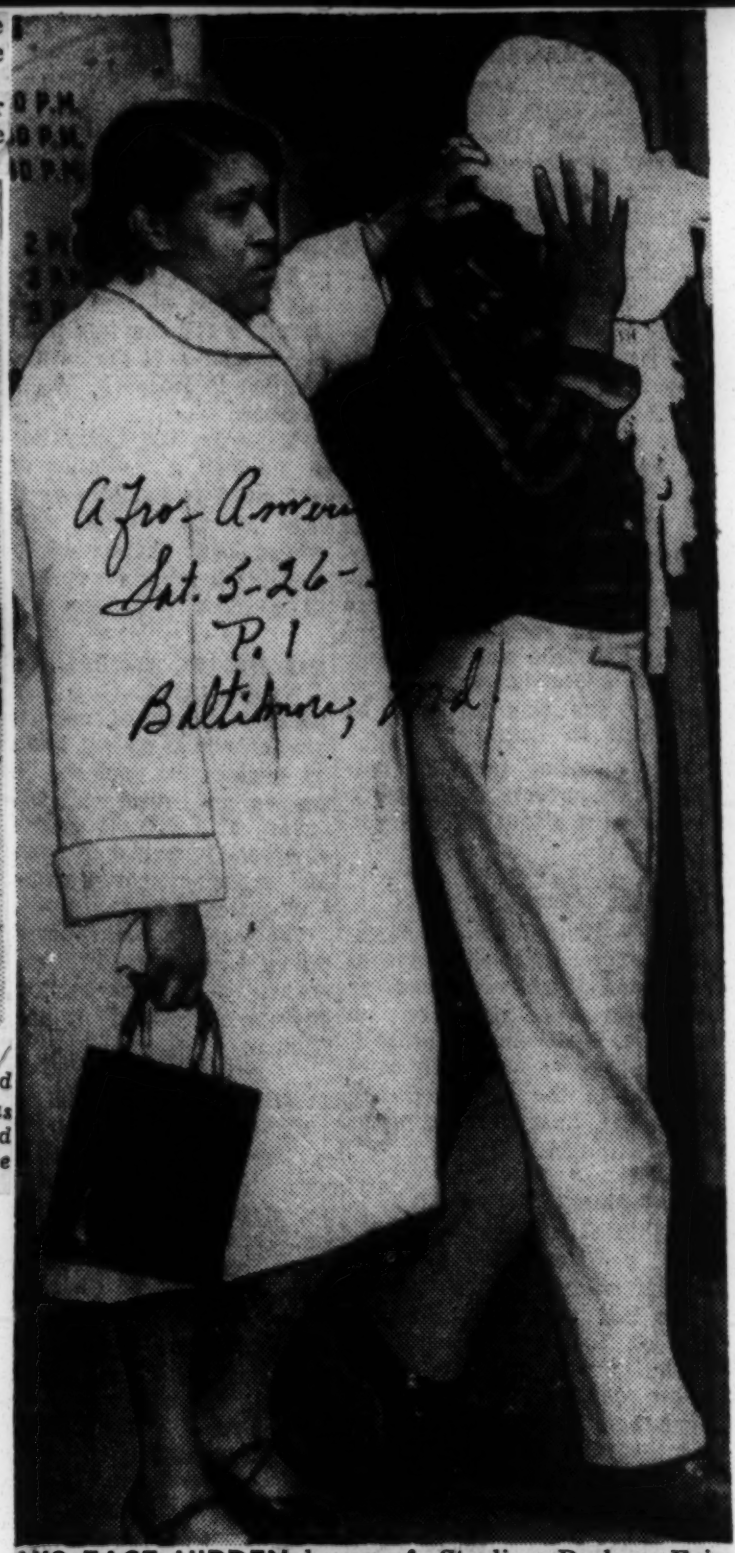
She said that the other children are just like his own children to him.

She said her daughter called her Wednesday morning, "She thought maybe she could take care of the matter herself," she added.

Until the time of the trial, her daughter will return home, she said.

W. MERRILL PRATT

Criminal assault of Morgan coed is charged to him. This photo was made just this past weekend when he starred on the college track team.



HIS FACE HIDDEN by scarf, Sterling Parker, Fairmont Heights, Md., leaves Baltimore City jail with his mother. He is one of five Morgan freshmen held under a total of $16,000 bail charged with criminal assault on an 18-year-old coed. (AFRO Staff Photo by Otho Mackay)

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Mississippi Roundup—

Negro Commits Suicide In Jackson City Jail

JACKSON, Nov. 4—(UP)—A 39-year-old Negro construction worker hanged himself in city jail Saturday after he was arrested for attempting to criminally assault a 14-year-old white girl.

The man gave his name as Sam Williams of Corinth, Miss., and said he was working for a construction firm here.

He was arrested after he allegedly entered the girl's home twice and attempted to molest her in her bed. The city jailer found him hanged with his belt in his cell. Still breathing, he was rushed to a hospital where he was pronounced dead on arrival.

Chief of Detectives M. B. Pierce said police were called to a white residence near a Negro district about 2 a.m. Saturday after the girl reported she was awakened by someone in bed with her. She said it was a man who smelled of alcohol and fled when she screamed. Police could find no one.

About two hours later police were called again. The girl said the man entered a second time. She said he held his hand over her mouth and attempted to assault her. Police found Williams hiding under the house. Officers said he was drunk.

He was put in the cell with another drunk. Pierce said he put one end of his belt around his neck and the other to a window guard.

legedly crawling in bed with a young white girl.

The dead man was identified as Sam Williams, whose address was given as 101 Youngs Alley.

According to reports Chief of Detectives M. B. Pierce said jail trusties found Williams hanging from a metal window guard in his jail cell shortly before 7 o'clock Saturday morning. He had used his belt to hang himself. He was immediately cut down and rushed to University Hospital where he was pronounced dead upon arrival.

According to Detective Pierce the arrest of Williams followed after police were called at 2:10 a.m. Saturday when a 14-year-old Jackson girl was awakened by a man crawling into her bed in her South Farish Street home, where she slept with two young children. Her screams frightened the man away. She said she could not tell if he was white or Negro but smelled whiskey on his breath. Officers combed the area but was unable to find any trace of the intruder.

Two hours later the terrified girl again called police. She said she was awakened a second time to find a man with one hand on her throat and the other caressing her leg. Her scream again forced the man to flee out of the back door. Five squads of police surrounded the area and began a house-to-house search and found Williams hiding under a nearby house.

According to police, Williams was put in jail but questioning him was postponed because of his drunken condition.

The body of the dead man was turned over to Peoples Funeral Home and was shipped to relatives in Corinth, Miss., Tuesday morning.

As far as could be learned the man had no immediate relatives in Jackson but had been here for several weeks working.

Negro Charged In Attempt Rape Suicide Victim In Local Jail

Body Shipped To Relatives In Corinth, Miss.

A 39-year-old Negro man, faced with a charge of attempted rape was reported by police authorities as having committed suicide by hanging himself in the city jail early Saturday morning, less than two hours after his arrest for al-

Mississippi Widow Attacked By Negro

LAUREL, Miss., June 16 (AP)—A 32-year-old widow told Police Chief Wayne Valentine a "small Negro" choked her and raped her twice in her bedroom early today.

Valentine said the attacker apparently cut a hole in a window screen and unlatched the window to gain entrance.

The widow told officers she awoke before dawn to find her bedside light extinguished and a flashlight "shining in my face."

She said the Negro took her 3-year-old daughter into another room and the child did not awaken.

After the attack, the Negro fled the woman told police.

WIDOW IS ASSAULTED

'Small' Negro Is Sought In Laurel Attack

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The woman said a "small" Negro entered her home by tearing a hole in the window screen about 1 a.m. After removing her 3-year-old daughter into another room, the man attacked her, the woman said.

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ficers arrested a 16-year-old Negro identified as John Hobson and said he was charged with simple assault.

Both Betts and Hobson are being questioned concerning the rape.

SUSPECTS QUERIED IN ASSAULT ON GIRL

'6 Or 8' Negroes Are Picked In Clarksdale Case

Special to The Commercial Appeal

CLARKSDALE, Miss., Sept. 5.—Police Chief Joe Herring said Wednesday that "six or eight" Negro suspects have been questioned in connection with the criminal assault of a 12-year-old girl here Monday night. No charges have been placed.

The chief said a curfew imposed after the attack is being observed, and that no new incidents have occurred.

The 12-year-old girl was knocked unconscious with a brick and assaulted while she slept in her home. Her bed was near an open window.

The curfew, effective from midnight to 4 a.m., applies to everyone regardless of age or color. It was imposed after a series of attacks on girls and women in their homes, the last of which involved the 12-year-old girl.

NEGRO, 16, IDENTIFIED IN CLARKSDALE CRIME

Victim And Mother Say They Recognize Suspect

Special To The Commercial Appeal

CLARKSDALE, Miss., Oct. 29.—John Hobson, 16-year-old Negro of Big Creek, was identified Monday morning by a 21-year-old white woman who bludgeoned and criminally assaulted her in her parents' home here Oct. 20.

Hobson, who was charged with simple assault three days ago, will be charged with criminal assault, Dist. Atty. Charles L. Sullivan said.

He also was identified by the victim's mother, who saw the attacker flee when she returned home the night of the crime. He passed her as he left the house, she told police.

Hobson still maintains his innocence, officers reported.

The youth was arrested a few minutes afte the report of the crime reached police headquaters at 11:30 p.m.

Two patrolmen spotted him running down toward the business district as they drove toward the scene of the attack.

Hobson's explanation that he was running to catch his brother's car was refuted by his brother, who said he was not in the city at the time, police said.

Jack Williams Betts, 25, who was arrested Friday morning, was released Monday after the victim failed to connect him with the assault.

NAACP LEADER'S SON ACCUSED IN ASSAULT

Jackson Youth, 20, Is Held After Negro's Complaint

From The Commercial Appeal Jackson, Miss., Bureau

JACKSON, Miss., June 30.—The 20-year-old son of a former president of the Jackson Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People is being held without bond on a charge of criminally assaulting a 16-year-old Negro waitress.

Refused bond by City Judge Scorer Noble and held to await action of the Hinds County Grand Jury is Carsie A. Hall Jr., son of the immediate past president of the local NAACP chapter and Post Office letter carrier. Young Hall's father is also an attorney.

Young Hall is a sophomore at Tougaloo College for Negroes, which is eight miles north of here.

The waitress said young Hall assaulted her Monday night after she left the cafe where she worked. She said she refused to get in his car, and he then got out and dragged her behind a truck and assaulted her.

Hall's father was in San Francisco attending the national convention of the NAACP when advised of his son's arrest. He immediately returned to Jackson.

Well Known Jackson Man Faced With Serious Charge

Kent Bullock Charged With Attempted Rape In Attacking Young White Couple

A well known and prominent young Jackson Negro man, Kent Bullock, the news of whose envolvement caused considerable shock and surprise in the Negro community of the city is faced with serious charges following his arrest here in connection with the shooting of George Tullos, a young white man and the attempt rape of his 16-year-old companion just outside the city limits in north Jackson early Sunday morning.

According to reports, without provocation, Bullock drove up behind the car occupied by the young couple parked on Boling Street in north Jackson and started shooting into the car. Although shot thru the neck young Tullos got out of the car and grappled with Bullock who shot himself in the hand during the struggle over possession of the revolver, after which Tullos was knocked out.

According to reports, after knocking her companion out Bullock went back to the car and began striking the girl in the face with his pistol attempting to force her to kiss him. Meanwhile Tullos regained consciousness and the struggle between the two was renewed, while the two struggled the young girl was able to escape.

According to the reports during the second struggle Bullock lost his gun in the weeds, then fled in his car.

Going in search of the girl Tullos, after finding her drove to the city and reported the incident to the police.

According to reports, following his arrest Bullock was returned to the scene where he admitted the attack and pointed out the location where he lost his pistol, which officers found, the pistol showing that it had been shot seven times.

Tullos was placed in a local hospital where his condition is reported as serious suffering from injury to the brain and spinal cord.

Bullock who is well known and highly regarded among Negro leaders of the city is a long-time employee of the local Veterans hospital where he is President of the Employee Organization, he was one of the organizers of the Veterans Citizenship Club, several fraternal organizations and a member of the Farish Street Baptist Church.

He is a veteran of the second World War.

JACKSON NEGRO HELD IN SHOOTING, ATTACK

George Tullos Hurt Badly In Defending Girl Friend

JACKSON, Miss., Aug. 12.—(AP) — A Negro in blood-spattered trousers was arrested on charges of attempted criminal assault after a young white couple was attacked early Sunday just north of the Jackson city limits.

Deputy Sheriff Andy Hopkins said the Negro, Kent Bullock, 33, admitted he shot and critically wounded George Tullos of Jackson, knocked him unconscious, and then attacked Mr. Tullos' girl companion.

Mr. Tullos, despite head and arm wounds, recovered consciousness and fought with the attacker while the girl escaped, the officer said.

Mr. Tullos said the Negro lost his 22-caliber revolver in the weeds and jumped in his car and fled. Mr. Tullos, in his car, started looking for the girl and found her some distance away. He took her to the police station.

Mr. Hopkins said Bullock had changed his shirt but still was wearing bloody trousers when arrested at his home. The deputy said Bullock told of being in a fight, took them to the place where Mr. Tullos had told of the attack, and dictated a statement admitting the attack.

Bullock was wounded once, in the hand. Besides the attempted criminal assault charge, he was charged with assault and battery with intent to kill.

Mr. Tullos said he and the girl were sitting in the car when a Negro appeared on the driver's side, ordered Mr. Tullos out at gunpoint and shot him twice. Mr. Tullos said he was unarmed but

SECOND NEGRO IS HELD

Questioned At Clarksdale In Criminal Assault

CLARKSDALE, Miss., Oct. 27.—(AP)—Clarksdale police, continuing an investigation into a recent series of criminal assaults here, announced Saturday a second Negro had been arrested in connection with the Oct. 20 rape of a young white divorcee.

Police Chief Joe Herring identified the man as Jack William Betts, 25, and said the Negro was held on an open charge pending completion of the investigation.

Earlier, Chief Herring said, of-

wrestled the attacker to the ground.

Mr. Hopkins said the gun was found near the scene and traced to Bullock by a registration slip.

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NEGRO HANGS SELF IN JAIL AT JACKSON

Arrested For Assault Attempt On White Girl, 14

JACKSON, Miss., Nov. 3. — (UP)— A 39-year-old Negro construction worker hanged himself in his jail cell here Saturday two hours after he was arrested for attempting to assault a 14-year-old white girl.

Police said they arrested Sam Williams of Corinth, Miss., early Saturday after he allegedly entered the girl's home twice and attempted to assault her in her bed. The city jailer found him hanged with his belt in his cell at daybreak. He was still breathing but died before reaching a hospital.

Chief of Detectives M. B. Pierce said police were unable to find an intruder when they first were called to a white residence where the girl reported a man crawled in bed with her and fled when she screamed.

Two hours later they were called again. The girl said the man entered a second time. She said he held his hand over her mouth and attempted to assault her. Police found Williams hiding under the house. Officers said he was drunk.

He was put in the cell with another drunk who police said slept while Williams put one end of his belt around his neck and the other to a window guard and jumped.

Racial Tension Brings Mississippi Curfew

CLARKSDALE, Miss., Oct. 26 (AP).—A group of Clarksdale Negroes has accused Clarksdale police of brutality toward members of their race during current tenseness over criminal assaults on white women. Mayor John C. Newman told the delegation they were "misinformed."

The Coahoma County Negro Citizens Association claimed Negroes have suffered both physical and verbal abuse. Some of the protests concerned police action in connection with a midnight curfew ordered by the mayor and enforced against whites and Negroes both.

"I've looked into every one of these reports but they always turned out to be something else," the mayor said.

Negro Held For Attacking White Couple

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Mississippi Negro Will Leave City To Avoid Prison

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City Judge C. B. Hutchinson offered the alternatives to James Darden, 48, who pleaded guilty to a charge of conduct calculated to lead to breach of the peace.

Officers said the incident occured on Main street here Oct. 1 and that Darden was in jail from then until he was brought into court yesterday.

Darden was not represented by an attorney in court and offered no testimony. He did not indicate where he would go.

Kent Bullock Well Known Local Man Held In Shooting, Rape Attempt

Petitions For Writ Of Habeas Corpus

Claims Denial Of Bond Because Of Race

A petition for a Writ of Habeas Corpus was filed here Tuesday on behalf of Kent Bullock, well known and prominent young Jackson man who was arrested here on August 12th charged with the shooting of George P. Tullos, a young white sailor, and the attempt rape of his teenage companion.

In the petition Bullock charges Hinds County Sheriff Albert Jones, and District Attorney, Robert Nichols have refused him the chance for bail because of the distinction between races, and alleges that repeated request to post bond have been denied by the Sheriff, District Attorney, and other officers.

The petition for the Writ of Habeas Corpus was filed by Attorney Colin Stockdale who is representing Bullock in the case.

Circuit Judge M. M. McGowan set a hearing on the petition for Thursday morning.

Bullock who is married and the father of five children has been a longtime employee of the Local Veterans Hospital where he is President of the Federal Employees Union, and chief spokesman for the Negro workers of the Hospital. He has often conferred with top officials from the Central office of the Veterans Administration in Washington upon their visits to the local hospital.

Bullock was arrested when he was charged with shooting into an automobile parked in a lover's lane in north Jackson shortly after midnight on August 12th becoming engaged in a fight with the young sailor wounded in the shooting, and attempting to rape his teenaged companion after he passed out during the fight.

A gun found by police at the scene was later identified as belonging to Bullock.

According to reports of police officials Bullock admitted the charges following his arrest only a few hours following the incident.

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Intruder Attacks Priest's Nurse

Journal
Sat. 6-2-56

NEW YORK, June 2 (UP)—A quiet Manhattan church rectory was thrown into an uproar early Saturday when a burglar attacked a nurse attending a sick priest, dragged her screaming through the building and attempted to rape her.

Atlanta Ga.

The screams of the nurse, Miss Grace McLean, 59, aroused sleeping priests in other parts of the building.

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They sped to the nurse's aid and her attacker plunged from a third-floor window in an effort to escape.

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THE MAN, identified by police as Cooper Jones, 28-year-old laborer, was captured in an areaway of the church by radio car patrolmen summoned by a phone call from the church.

Jones, a Negro, suffered a loss of teeth and body bruises in the plunge. He was charged with burglary, felonious assault and attempted rape.

The nurse was taken to a hospital with cuts and bruises of the head, face, chest, right shoulder and left knee.

The attack occurred about 2:30 a.m. at the rectory of the Church of St. Paul the Apostle, known as the Paulist Father's Church, near Columbus Circle.

St. Paul's Church in Manhattan and was on the third floor, police said, when he encountered the nurse, who was caring for an 89-year-old priest.

Police said Jones dragged her into an elevator, beat her, took her $100 wristwatch, and attempted to rape her.

Several priests in the building had been alerted by her screams and were waiting in the basement when Jones took the elevator down to make his getaway.

Jones then fled to a third floor room, police said. He locked himself in but later jumped into the rectory yard.

N.Y. Police Nab Attacker Of Nurse

Herald 7-27-56
Miami, Fla.
Sun. 6-3-56

NEW YORK — (UP) — Police captured a 28-year-old Negro Saturday who tried to leap to freedom from the upper floor of a Catholic rectory where he was trapped after what police called an attempt to rape a priest's nurse.

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Police identified the prisoner as Copper Jones. He was held on charges of burglary and attempted rape and sent to Bellevue Hospital for treatment of injuries suffered in his leap. Police said he had been drinking.

Jones entered the rectory of

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Pair Face Rape Case Trial

News & Observer Raleigh N.C.

FAYETTEVILLE, Aug. 22—Two Negroes were bound over to Cumberland County Superior Court today at a hearing on a reported rape attempt on a white Ft. Bragg WAC.

L. M. Williford, acting Cumberland recorder, ordered John Luther McBryde, 44, of Rt. 4, Fayetteville, and James Earl McKellar, 18, of Cumberland County, held without privilege of bond.

McBryde was charged with raping Pfc. Rosie M. Stanberry, 19, of Rt. 1, Huntington, Tex., and McKellar was charged with aiding and abetting.

Miss Stanberry said she and a soldier were parked on a motorcycle the night of Aug. 13 when two men and a Negro girl drove up. She said one man drew a pistol and the other pulled her behind their car. She said she was forced to undress but was not raped.

Bettie Lilly, 17-year-old Negro girl of Rt. 4, Fayetteville, reportedly with the Negro men during the alleged attack, was released after questioning.

Bond Is Set For Negro

News & Observer

A waiter at a local hotel was given a preliminary hearing yesterday in City Court on a charge of attempting to rape a guest in her room.

FAISON

Probable cause was found against James Faison Jr., 25, Negro, of the 100 block of Fayetteville Street, on the charge. He was bound over under $5,000 bond for trial in Superior Court.

The victim of the alleged attack was identified by police as Miss Georgia Fling, 28, of Birmingham, Alabama, who registered at the Sir Walter Hotel about 5:45 p.m., Tuesday. She reported the matter to police and it was investigated about 9:30 p.m., by Detective Sgts. J. B. Upchurch and E. W. Rhodes. Faison was arrested about 1 a.m., yesterday, officers said.

Miss Fling told officers that Faison knocked on the door of her room about 8:30 p.m. and said he was a bellhop with a telegram. He had a bowl of ice when admitted, according to her statement, and "tried to get fresh" with her. She said he offered her $8, but left when she ordered him out of the room and threatened to call the hotel manager.

When there was a knock at the door shortly after he left, reported Miss Fling, she thought it was the manager, whom she had called. She said it was Faison, who allegedly said that he intended to assault her.

She said, according to her statement to police, that Faison pushed her down across a bed but left when she resisted and telephoned again for the manager.

The hotel telephone switchboard operator, Hazel Moore, verified the two calls from Miss Fling's room about 8:30 p.m.

Faison admitted, police said, that he took ice to the room and claimed Miss Fling asked him about "some men." He denied that he went to the room a second time, or that he molested her.

Police said Faison had been an extra waiter at the hotel for about five years. He was on duty that night serving a small reception, the hotel management said, and was not authorized to act in the capacity of a bellhop. He had never been a bellhop, they said.

Seek Man For Raping Girl, 7

Journal

ROCKY MOUNT — Police on Monday were searching for a man who beat and raped a seven-year-old girl last Saturday night.

According to Chief L. I. Nichols, the girl was taken beyond the city limits, assaulted and then returned here within two blocks of her home. She told her mother what had happened and police were called.

A physician examined the child and reported that she had been criminally assaulted. One eye was swollen shut and she also suffered other bruises on the head Nichols declared.

Negro Man Nabbed For Alleged Entry Of Women's Ward

ELKIN, N.C., July 20 (AP) — A Negro released from prison last week after serving a sentence for assault on a female was held on first-degree burglary charges today after allegedly entering a woman's ward in a hospital and trying to get in bed with a white woman.

In North Carolina first-degree burglary—entering a place where persons are sleeping at night—is punishable by death.

The man, Donald Gilbert Martin of nearby Boonville, allegedly entered the third floor ward of Hugh Chatham Hospital through a fire escape. The women's screams brought a nurse and the intruder fled back down the fire escape.

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Assault Case Stirs Tensions

Daily World p.1
Pub. 3-16-56

TOLEDO, Ohio (ANP)—Chester B. Hopings, 25, was convicted here last week of assault with intent to rape a white woman in a case that was generated to a feverish pitch by newspaper publicity and political pressure.

Pittsburgh, Pa.

His attorney, Jesse S. Heslip, announced after Judge John M. McCabe sentenced Hopings denied that he was at the scene of the alleged rape attempt Jan. 2 of Jane Doe. His testimony was supported by his wife and friends.

Police contended that footprints at the scene matched those of the defendant. The woman testified that she clung to a jacket of her attacker. The jacket was identified as belonging to Hopings.

Hopings was first tried on a misdemeanor. He was convicted in Municipal Court and placed on probation for one year after the judge suspended a 6-month Workhouse term and a $500 fine.

Protests which followed led to a grand jury indictment charging Hopings with the more serious offense.

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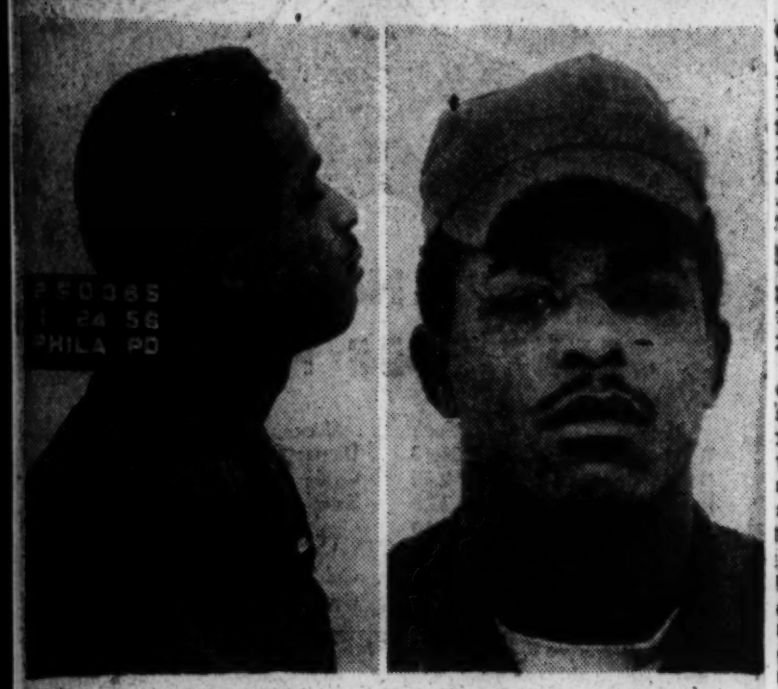
8-Year Crime Record



Rogues' Gallery photos of Robert H. Moody, held in $15,000 bail in assault on Mrs. Mary Hughes.

Here is the record of Robert H. Moody, alias Robert Hillson, alias Robert Hilson, ex-parolee charged with beating a woman in South Philadelphia Monday night:

OCT. 27, 1947: Sentenced to 60 days in jail at Lakeland, Fla., for disorderly conduct.

OCT. 25, 1951: Placed on probation for one year here for motor vehicle violation.

OCT. 18, 1952: Arrested for aggravated assault and battery, intent to ravish and indecent assault on young South Philadelphia housewife.

NOV. 17, 1952: Sentenced by Judge Charles L. Guerin to 2½ to 5 years in Eastern State Penitentiary for these offenses.

OCT. 24, 1955: Paroled from Graterford State Penitentiary.

$15,000 Bail Is Ordered in Attack Case

Paroled Suspect Has Long Record; His Victim Weeps

Robert H. Moody, paroled sex offender, was held in $15,000 bail for grand jury action by Magistrate John C. Morlock yesterday on charges of attempting to rape a South Philadelphia housewife on the street Monday night.

The victim, Mrs. Mary Hughes, 33, of 604 Pine st., broke down and sobbed during the hearing, at times burying her face in her hands on the rail in front of the bench.

GIBBONS' 'EXHIBIT A'

The case of Moody, alias Robert Hillson, alias Robert Hilson, 31, of Paschall ave. near 50th st., could very well be docketed as Exhibit A in Police Commissioner Thomas J. Gibbons' brief that kid glove treatment of sex offenders by the courts was nullifying the efforts of police in bringing such criminals to justice.

For Moody is on parole from Eastern State Penitentiary, where he was sentenced to 2½ to five years in 1952 for a similar brutal assault on a young housewife at 2d and Pine sts.

Mrs. Hughes was walking along 6th st. below Lombard shortly after 8 P. M. Monday with a woman friend, Lee Tobman, of 2601 Parkway. As brought out in testimony before Magistrate Morlock, a man ran up behind them and started striking Mrs. Hughes.

FRIEND RUNS FOR HELP

He continued raining blows on the attractive blonde until she fell to the street. Meanwhile, her friend ran into a nearby restaurant for help.

A patron, Richard Reynolds, 48, of 2205 St. James st., operator of a Yellow Cab, ran from the restaurant and seized the assailant. He tussled with the thug who broke away and ran. Reynolds gave chase along several streets and alleys but the man escaped.

Meanwhile, police converged on the scene. Prowl car patrolmen Angelo Macrina and Robert Deitz saw a man answering Moody's description boarding a trolley at 6th and Lombard sts. They collared him before the trolley got underway.

Later on the way to the station house, police testified, the suspect, identified as Moody, tried to break away. Patrolman Hugh Gallagher said Moody kicked him under the arm. He was charged with assault and battery and resisting arrest in addition to the charges involving Mrs. Hughes.

The victim, it was testified, identified Moody when he was taken to Pennsylvania Hospital where Mrs. Hughes was under treatment for bruises of the head, legs and left shoulder.

After hearing the testimony Magistrate Morlock ordered Moody held in $15,000 bail for the grand jury on all charges.

GIBBONS VOICES ALARM

Commissioner Gibbons, in his blast last week, expressed his growing concern over the released sex offender problem and said it was time to take a look at what actually happens to sex offenders after police have done their job of arresting them.

The story of Moody is the story of what happened to one of them. To start with, Moody has a record, police reported.

SENTENCED IN FLORIDA

In Lakeland, Fla., in October, 1947, he was sentenced to 60 days on a disorderly conduct charge. Aftter that he moved North and in Philadelphia, in October, 1951, ran afoul of the motor vehicle laws and was placed on probation for one year.

The law has no further record of Moody until the following October. On the evening of the 18th of that month in 1952, Mrs. Dorothy Klukiewski, 20-year-old housewife, of 208 Stampers st., the daughter of a policeman, was on her way to visit relatives at 2d and Pine sts.

Suddenly a husky thug grabbed her and attempted to attack her. The young woman fought back but was knocked to the street under a rain of blows. Three passersby came to her rescue and the thug fled.

IDENTIFIED BY VICTIM

Two hours later police arrested Robert Moody. At the 12th and Pine sts. station Mrs. Klukiewski identified him as the man who beat her.

On Nov. 17, 1952, Judge Charles L. Guerin, in Common Pleas Court No. 4, sentenced Moody to the Eastern State Penitentiary for 2½ to 5 years.

He was paroled from the Graterford branch of the Eastern Pen on Oct. 24, 1955.

But even while the Moody case was being processed yesterday, police were called in on another. A student nurse reported routing a man from her third floor bedroom in the nurses' quarters of the Einstein Medical Center at York and Tabor rds.

Miss Caroline Dooley, 20, in the second year of nurses' training, said she was awake in her room [redacted] before 3 A. M. when she saw the door opening. A man entered the room.

The student screamed and the man backed hastily out and ran down the corridor toward the stairway. Miss Dooley followed shouting an alarm but the intruder fled down the stairway and escaped.

Detectives later found a screen removed from a janitor's room on the first floor. The investigators said the intruder had taken two wrist watches valued at $125 and a number of wallets from the rooms of nurses on the first and second floors of the building. The empty wallets were found outside the building.

Miss Dooley described the intruder as about five feet eight inches tall weighing about 150 pounds. She said he was about 20 and wore khaki trousers and a green jacket.

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NEGRO, 29, IS ACCUSED OF CRIMINAL ASSAULT

Commercial Appeal

Johnnie Neal Also Blamed With Two Robberies

Sat. 3-31-36

A Memphis Negro was accused by police yesterday of criminally assaulting three Negro women, trying to attack five others and robbing two more.

Capt. W. W. Wilkinson of the Homicide Bureau said Johnnie Neal, 29, of 409 Walker, will appear in City Court at 9 this morning on the charges.

Police claimed the incidents took place over a two-month period in the vicinity of Mississippi, Williams and Alston.

Lts. A. E. Carlisle and E. C. Swann, who took part in the investigation, said Neal used a cap pistol to subdue his victims. Neal was arrested Thursday at his home by Lts. B. E. Gilligan and W. O. Crumby.

The women have identified Neal as their attacker but he denies the accusations.

CRIMINAL ASSAULT CHARGED TO FOUR

3 Accused Of Beating Husband, Attacking Wife

Four Negro youths, one a juvenile, were indicted on charges of rape returned yesterday by the Shelby County Grand Jury.

Three of the boys were jointly indicted, charged with criminally attacking a 23-year-old white married woman after they had slugged her husband. They are Fred Edwards, 18, of 2412 Vandale, and James Brodnax, 18, and Willie Brodnax, 17, brothers of 2348 Shasta.

The fourth Negro indicted was Gus Harris Jr., 29, of 1981 Perry Road. He was charged with raping a 17-year-old mentally retarded Negro girl May 2 in the home of her parents.

Edwards and the Brodnax youths are charged with having slugged unconscious the husband of their victim as the couple walked along Hollywood, near Hunter, the night of May 4. They dragged the wife behind a billboard and the two older Negroes assaulted her. The husband regained consciousness and drove off the three Negroes, police said.

NEGRO HELD IN ASSAULT

Commercial Appeal

Sidney Yancey Is Accused By 14-Year-Old Niece

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Sidney Yancey, 23-year-old Negro of 968-G Porter, was accused yesterday of criminally assaulting his 14-year-old niece "several times" Saturday night.

Homicide Lt. Henry Lux said the girl told him Yancey tied a handkerchief over his face, went to her home, took her outside and assaulted her.

The girl pulled the handkerchief from the accused man's face. She identified him as her attacker in City Court yesterday. Yancey was held to the state on a not guilty plea.

Search Spreads For Negro After Attack On Woman

Montgomery, Ala.

MEMPHIS, Oct. 31 (AP)—A squad of detectives was assigned to an around-the-clock hunt today for a Negro accused of raping a pretty young medical student after savagely beating her with a brick.

The 22-year-old woman told police the man attacked her last night as she walked from her apartment to a hospital construction project to get some sand for her cat's sandbox. Her identity was not disclosed.

The young woman, her clothes ripped and her face and head bruised and bloody, stumbled into the nearby University of Tennessee Pathology Building after the attack.

A Negro was picked up in the vicinity three hours after the incident but was released after questioning.

Doctors said the U-T student did not appear to be in serious condition.

'Radio Rev.' Gets 12 Years

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MEMPHIS, Tenn. — Johnny Neal, 29-year-old radio preacher, was sentenced to 12 years in the penitentiary for criminal assault on a 31-year-old woman he accosted on a sidewalk and forced to the side of a garage where he stole her purse and assaulted her. He faces eight other counts still to be tried.

Savage Attacker Of Girl Medical Student Hunted

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Mother Fires On Man Who Raped Daughter

HOUSTON — An angry mother fired two shots at a 34-year-old man who returned to her home after having cruelly assaulted her 16-year-old daughter in her home earlier in the day, Thursday.

Paul Moore Jr of 2811 Anita, surrendered to police Saturday morning and was charged with rape in Judge Maes' court.

The teenager told police that she was home with her 3-year-old nephew, who was asleep, when Mr Moore came to the house with her 15-year-old brother.

She said that she was in the kitchen when her brother left the house and Mr Moore came into the kitchen, physically forcing her into a bedroom where he attacked her.

The girl called her mother, who was at work, and the mother, along with her employer, came home and took the teenager to the hospital where she was examined by doctors, who verified the fact that she had been molested, police said.

WRITTEN STATEMENT

Later, the teenager was taken to police headquarters where she made a written statement and charges were filed.

Mr Moore returned to the scene of the attack where he was met by the irate mother who shot at him as he fled. Neither bullet struck him.

Grand Jury 'No-Bills' Man After Checking White Woman's Story

HOUSTON — A Harris County Grand Jury last Friday no-billed Jim Scott, Mt Bellview Baptist minister, in a rape charge filed in Judge Walter Queen's Court in Baytown, after an Austrian woman accused Mr Scott of forcing her into intimate relations with him on November 23.

In a written statement, the woman who had been in this country for about 15 months, said that she did not take any action against Mr Scott, because she did not know that anything could be done about it, and that she did not know "that Jim had done anything criminal."

The charge was filed three days after the incident happened while the woman was on a date with the minister. She said that she went to a doctor to see if she was pregnant and that she told the doctor that she had been forced into the relationship with Mr Scott. The doctor then called the judge and a constable, the woman said.

She said that she had gone on a date with Mr Scott previously, when he carried her and her small son to a drive-in theatre. She had become friendly with him on a job where they both worked and they had discussed the customs of this country and those of Germany, pointing out that Negroes and white associated together in Germany. She said that she went for a ride with Mr Scott the night of November 23 because he kept requesting the date and that he told her that he just wanted to talk to her. When he got her out on a lonely road, he made advances which she rejected, but he slapped her and becoming afraid she submitted to him on the back seat of his car, she said.

When he brought her back to her apartment he asked her "now who do you belong to?" and she answered, "I should belong to you--you took me," the woman said.

Mr Scott told a slightly different story. He admitted going on the dates, but said it was only on the woman's insistence that he did. He said he told her that Negroes and white do not associate together here, but that she insisted on talking to him and he took on the lonely road. He said that she submitted to his love-making which resulted in the relationship voluntarily.

The case was carried directly to the Grand Jury after the woman and Mr Scott made the statements in the Sheriff's Department.

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Groom Is Accused Of Rape Attempt

LEESBURG, Va., Mar. 20 (Special)—Wilmer Payne, 42, a colored groom employed at Huntlands Farm near Middleburg, is being held in the Loudoun County Jail here on $25,000 bail for attempted rape of a 26-year-old Middleburg mother.

State Trooper G. W. Thomas said the attack occurred early Sunday near Middleburg. He said he and Trooper S. F. Serist arrested Payne as he was leaving Middleburg in an automobile.

A hearing is scheduled March 27 in Trial Justice Court.

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Police Capture Rape Suspect In Fast Chase

MOBILE, Ala., Aug. 1 (AP)—A youth charged with raping a 15-year-old girl was captured today by Alabama highway patrolmen after a high speed chase over rural roads.

William M. Keenan, 22, who faces three other rape charges, was arrested about noon in a car officers quoted him as saying he had stolen.

Patrolmen R. J. Granger and J. A. Griffith said they spotted him driving on a back road off U.S. 45 near Kushla, about 10 miles northwest of Mobile. They gave chase and captured Keenan when he wrecked the car.

100 MILES PER HOUR

The patrolmen said the speed of the cars exceeded 100 miles an hour at times during the chase.

A three-state alert had been ordered for Keenan yesterday.

He was charged in a warrant with raping the girl in a small boat on nearby Chickasabogue after she accepted a ride with him.

Officers said the young married man fled out the back of his house when they came to arrest him Monday night.

Keenan is under indictment on charges of raping two white girls near Mobile last year and a young Negro woman at Flomaton early this year. He was free under bond pending trial on those charges.

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White Man Accused by Baby-Sitter

THEODORE, Ala.—A warrant charging a white man with seeking lustful pleasure with a 15-year-old school-going, baby-sitting girl was sworn out by the parents here, according to the Mobile Beacon, a weekly newspaper.

The story said that early Saturday morning, Oct. 20, the man, Marion O'Brien, who is married and the father of two children, sought to take passionate advantage of the teen-ager when he drove her to a lonely spot.

The girl said she broke away from the man and was rescued by a passing autoist. She is a ninth grade student in Theodore Junior High School.

Two White Youths Of Prichard Held On Raping Charge

MOBILE, Ala., Dec. 13 (AP)—Two white youths from Prichard were charged today with raping a 28-year-old Negro mother late last night.

H. L. Tucker and Jessie D. Smith, both 18, were arrested by Prichard patrolmen shortly after the woman reported she was attacked in a wooded area near Prichard.

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The woman, mother of two, told officers the youths, wearing police badges, introduced themselves as special policemen and told her they were taking her to the station for questioning. They drove to the woods instead, she said.

Tucker and Smith will remain in county jail until a preliminary hearing Monday.

Photo of convicted man fails to give lead in assault case

Receipt here of a photograph of a convicted rapist failed to provide any clue in the June 29 rape of a young bride, City Det. V. T. Hart said today.

He sent to Kilby Prison for a picture of Roy Huff, 18, Negro condemned to die in the rape of a Wilcox County woman.

But the local woman said Huff was not the man who attacked her in her trailer home off Montevallo rd., Det. Hart said.

The 17-year-old bride was alone in the trailer when she was attacked and her life threatened, Det. Hart said. Her husband, a railroad section worker, was away at the time.

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White youths accused in assault on Negro

MOBILE, Ala., Dec. 15 (AP)—Two 18-year-old white youths face a preliminary hearing Monday on charges they raped a Negro mother of two.

Arrested yesterday by Prichard patrolmen were H. L. Tucker and Jessie D. Smith. The 28-year-old woman reported she was raped a few hours earlier in a wooded area near Prichard.

Officers quoted her as saying the youths, wearing police badges, posed as special officers and told her they were taking her to the station for questioning. They went to the woods instead, she said.

Deputies Tom Dees and Robert Waldrop said Tucker and Smith admitted they had sexual relations with her but said she submitted voluntarily.

Mobile Officials Hold Negro Youth In Attack Attempt

MOBILE, Ala., April 23 (AP)—A Mobile Negro youth was charged today with assault with intent to rape in an alleged attack on a 13-year-old white girl near her home yesterday.

He was identified as Luther Lewis, 16. Lewis was placed in Mobile County Jail without bond.

Asst. Chief Deputy James G. Chambers said Lewis, picked up near the scene, was identified by the girl.

The girl told officers she and three other children were playing in a field when a Negro approached her, pulled a knife, threw her onto the ground, and tried to disrobe her.

He fled when her playmates summoned a nearby blackberry picker for help.

Sheriff says Afro-American matron not attacked

ECLECTIC, Ala.—"First, she was not criminally attacked as reported. There were no colored men involved; and the case is closed."

These remarks by Elmore County Sheriff Lester Holley ended an inflamatory situation that might well have culminated in a lynching in this Alabama town.

The situation was sparked when a 20-year-old white matron staggered into a farm yard near here at about 4 a.m., last Wednesday, wearing only a torn brassiere.

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SHE TOLD law officers that she had been abducted from her home at 11 p.m., Tuesday, and held captive for five hours, during which time she was raped and beaten by two colored men.

Her story prompted a tremendous manhunt which included a large posse of armed and angry citizens. Three colored men were arrested, questioned but later released.

"The story she told me was something she dreamed up," Eclectic Police Chief Marvin Dunn told reporters.

The young woman told officers that she had gone to the back door of her house to let her dog in and when she opened the door a "colored man, wearing a hat" forced his way inside.

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SHE SAID he threatened to kill her young son if she made an outcry and forced her to get into his car. She was then taken to an isolated area and beaten into unconsciousness when she resisted the advances of two men, her story continued.

From an unimpeachable source, however, the sheriff learned that the woman was seen in the company of an unidentified white man before the alleged attack occurred; and her clothing was found in a neat bundle in a ditch near where she said the men took her.

It was said that the woman and her escort feared that her long absence from her home had caused concern for her safety, and they decided to fabricate the raping incident.

The woman's husband, an Air Force enlisted man, was scheduled to arrive home the following day from his base in Texas.

Dothan Police Seeking Man In Rape Try

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Ordering all four to lie on the ground, the report continued, the man then took one girl with him a short distance away and tried to rape her. He fled in Sweat's car after the girl broke away.

Rape Accusation Branded As Hoax By Investigators

Sheriff Says Eclectic Case Is Now Closed

By BOB INGRAM
Advertiser Staff Writer

ECLECTIC, Ala., May 23—The reported rape of a young mother of two by two Negro men had a stunning effect on this rural community of 900 today but Elmore County Sheriff Lester Holley later branded the woman's story as a complete hoax.

Mrs. Johnnie Lee Pittman, 20-year - old daughter of Eclectic Mayor Jones Shores; had staggered into a farm yard near here about 4 a.m. today wearing only a torn brassiere. She told law officers she had been abducted from her home at 11 p.m. and held captive for five hours during which time she was raped and beaten.

Many men lined the streets of Eclectic most of today and a large crowd formed around the jail early today when three Negroes were arrested for questioning and later released.

MANHUNT STARTED

Her story prompted a tremendous manhunt which included a large posse of armed and aroused citizens.

However, Sheriff Holley, in a brief report this afternoon, said the case was closed.

"First, she was not criminally attacked as reported," Holley declared emphatically. "There were no Negores involved, and the case is closed."

"If you want further information contact the family of Mrs. Pittman," Holley added.

Mayor Shores was reportedly suffering from shock and unavailable for comment, however a member of the family told The Advertiser "what Sheriff Holley says is correct."

Eclectic Police Chief Marvin Dunn, to whom Mrs. Pittman had related her alleged harrowing experience, also supported Holley's finding.

FORCED INTO CAR

"The story she told me was something she dreamed up," Dunn said.

Mrs. Pittman told officers that she was forced into an automobile by the Negroes shortly after 11 p.m. Tuesday.

She said she had gone to the back door of her home to let the dog into the house, and when she opened the door a "Negro wearing a hat" forced his way inside. She claimed he threatened to kill her three-year-old son and 18-month-old daughter if she made an outcry.

Mrs. Pittman further claimed she was taken to an isolated area and beaten into unconsciousness when she resisted the advances of the two men.

CLOTHING IN DITCH

Shortly after Mrs. Pittman left her home the screams of her two children attracted the attention of neighbors, and a posse was quickly formed to search for the missing woman.

Mrs. Pittman was finally found some two miles from Eclectic at 4 a.m. today, clad only in the torn brassiere. Her other clothing was later found in a ditch near the spot where she claimed to have been thrown from her abductors' car.

From unimpeachable sources The Advertiser learned that Sheriff Holley based his findings on information which showed that Mrs. Pittman had been seen in the company of an unidentified white man shortly before the alleged attack occurred.

However, Sheriff Holley declined comment on this report.

"I have given my complete statement, I have nothing to add or take away," Sheriff Holley said. "I won't go into the details of the matter."

It was said that when Mrs. Pittman and her escort learned of the concern caused by her absence, it was decided to fabricate the alleged raping incident.

Mrs. Pittman's husband, an Air Force enlisted man, James Thom; as Pittman, was scheduled to arrive home tomorrow from a Texas base for a furlough prior to leaving for overseas duty. However, he was contacted after the reported rape and was due in Eclectic late today.

The couple had lived in Eclectic only about three months after moving from enlisted men's quarters at Maxwell AFB. The parents of her husband lived only a few houses from the Pittmans in Eclectic.

Masked Maurader Sought In Attack

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6 Attacked Her, Widow Says

Seized Near Home, Taken Into Country

A 26-year-old widow told police she was abducted in Washington, taken into Prince Georges County and raped by six men on a lonely country road early today.

The victim, described by Washington police as "attractive," is employed at the Naval Research Laboratory. She has a young child. Her husband was killed in an accident recently.

According to her complaint, she was standing at Nichols avenue and Lebaum street S.E., about midnight when an automobile approached occupied only by the driver.

She said he offered to take her home. She refused and started to walk away. As she did so, she continued, a second man on foot walked up behind her, pinning her arms to her sides. She said he forced her into the vehicle.

Joined by Four Others

The young widow said she was driven to the rear of a group of nearby buildings, where four other men got in. They sat in the back seat while she and the other two occupied the front.

She was driven around in an unfamiliar section of the Southeast area, she declared, and then taken to a house "near a river" in what, she told police, she thought was Prince Georges County.

At the house she managed to break away from her abductors, she continued, and ran to the front door in panic. She said she pounded on the door and screamed for help. Her knocks were answered by a man and woman.

She pleaded with the couple to help her, she declared, and nearly collapsed when they refused.

Says One Is Brother

"I'm sorry, I can't help you," she said the man told her. "One of those guys is my brother. He's always bringing women down here."

The six men then forced her back into the auto, she asserted, and drove to a lonely gravel road.

There, she added, the man driving ordered the four in the seat out. His companion remained in the front seat holding her arms while the driver partially disrobed her.

Eventually, she said, she was attacked by all six men and driven back into Washington.

At South Capitol and Livingston streets S.E., the auto stopped at a gasoline station where she was permitted to get out.

Can Describe Three Men

She said her three-hour ordeal came to an end there. While she was in the station office asking the attendant to call police the six men drove off at high speed.

During her ride she told police one of the six told her he was employed at Bolling Air Force Base.

She said she could describe three of the men, but was not sure of the description of the other three. All are white men in their mid-20s.

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Seven Charged In Rape Case

Seven young men, the eldest 23, last night were charged with the rape of a 26-year-old widow in Prince Georges County Friday night.

They were booked as:

Joseph C. Frady, 20, a truck driver of the 400 block of I street S.W.; George S. Breeden, 21, unemployed, of the 600 block of I street S.W.; John H. Singleton, 18, unemployed, of the 400 block of I street S.W., and his brother, Robert, 19, of the 400 block of Sixth street S.W.; Ronald G. Byroads, 21, of the 400 block of N street S.W.; Robert E. Richards, 18, unemployed, of the 1300 block of Fourth street S.W., and John W. Robertson, jr., 23, a concrete firm employe of the 3300 block of Brother place S.E.

Hearing Due Tomorrow

They were charged in Prince Georges County last night and face a hearing in Trial Magistrate's Court in Upper Marlboro tomorrow.

The victim told police she was forced into a car in Southeast Washington and driven into Prince Georges County where all seven assaulted her. First reports were that there were six men in the group.

The roundup by Metropolitan police came swiftly yesterday on information which led a Prince Georges County woman to turn her own brother's name over to police.

Police said Mrs. Jessie Brensinger, 36, of 8242 Indian Head road, a grocery employe, told her employer that she knew about the case after it appeared in newspapers. The employer notified police, who learned the identity of several of the suspects.

The victim apparently escaped from the car at one time, ran to a house in an appeal for help. Mrs. Brensinger said she answered the door and told the woman she couldn't help her because "one of the men is my brother."

Related to One Man

Police said she is a sister of George S. Breeden, one of the men charged.

Mrs. Brensinger later said she refused to aid the woman because she was frightened.

Police Lt. Nunzio Bonaccorsy, Detectives Thomas R. Russell, John Wildman and John A. Vacaro took charge of the swift roundup yesterday. Lt. Bonaccorsy said one of the men appeared at headquarters voluntarily after police had notified his home that he was wanted.

L. I. Teacher Held On Rape Charge

Special to World-Telegram and Sun.

MINEOLA, L. I., April 10.—A 31-year-old teacher, whose specialty is citizenship education, was booked early today on statutory rape charges after he had been found after school hours in a lonely woodland area with a 14-year-old girl pupil.

The teacher is Edward Michael Savage, of 44 Richard Rd., East Norwich, L. I., who has been employed at the Mineola Junior HS. He is married and the father of three children.

Patrolman Alfred Lynch, on his way home after going off duty, was driving along Power House Rd. in the North Hills area about 4:30 p.m. yesterday when he spotted a car parked deep in the woods. Savage was standing beside the car, and the girl was a little distance away down a woods road.

The patrolman noticed that the girl's school books and purse were in the back of Savage's car. He questioned the pair and, not satisfied with their answers, took them to the 6th precinct in Roslyn, where they were questioned until midnight.

Savage was booked at 3:15 a.m. after, police said, the girl told them he had been intimate with her 10 times since last September. The formal complaint charges him with an offense at noon Feb. 2 when he and the girl were alone in his mother's house at 45 Prospect Park, Williston Park.

Savage pleaded innocent when arraigned today before Judge Samuel Greason in 1st District Court. He was released in $1000 bail for a hearing Thursday.

Mother of three reports abduction, assault by youths

Four teen-aged youths, who abducted a young mother over the week-end and took her to Lake Purdy to assault her, were sought here today.

The victim, a 28-year-old Southside woman, said the boys, aged about 16 to 19, forced her into their car at an Irondale drive-in restaurant. She had stopped there for a soft drink after visiting her brother in Leeds.

The woman told Sheriff's Deputies W. A. Adams and Tom Ellison she was taken to Lake Purdy where each of the youths assaulted her late Friday night.

A fifth youth, apparently a friend of the others, then appeared on the scene, she said. She talked him into taking her to a Rose Hill night club to get a drink, she told the officers.

AT THE NIGHT CLUB, she dashed into a rest room and escaped.

The night club manager refused to call officers for her, the deputies said, and begged her not to call from his establishment. She made the call herself.

All the time, her car was left abandoned at the Irondale restaurant.

The woman, a waitress at a Birmingham cafe, is the mother of three small children. She was just recently separated from her husband.

Father Being Held On Rape Charges

PANAMA CITY, Fla., June 26 (AP) — A 44-year-old truck driver who started out to take his daughter to church raped her instead, a warrant issued today charged.

Sheriff M. J. Daffin said he is in jail without bond. Publication of the names of rape victims is prohibited in Florida.

The sheriff said the girl related this account:

The man left home Sunday evening to take his daughter to church. He drove into woods near Panama City instead and raped her. He then took her to the home of relatives, who notified sheriff's officers.

Daffin said physicians reported that an examination of the girl showed "signs which pointed to an attack."

The maximum penalty for a rape conviction in Florida is death.

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ASSAULT IS CHARGED

Leachville Man Is Freed On $1,000 Bond

BLYTHEVILLE, Ark., March 24.—A Leachville man has been bound over to Circuit Court here on a charge of assault with intent to rape.

Jim Bishop of Leachville denied a charge in Municipal Court. He was bound over to Circuit Court by Judge Graham Sudbury.

Bishop is charged with attempting to rape a girl here last Feb. 21. He is free on $1,000 bond.

CHARGES ARE FILED IN ASSAULT ON GIRL

George Pratt Of Osceola, 4 More Waive Hearing

Special to The Commercial Appeal

OSCEOLA, Ark., Sept. 5.—George Pratt, 25-year-old Osceola mechanic, and four others waived preliminary hearing in Municipal Court Wednesday on charges of criminally attacking a 15-year-old Keiser girl.

Charges of rape against Pratt were filed direct into Mississippi County Circuit Court Wednesday by Deputy Pros. Atty. Henry Swift. Charges of being accessories to the crime were filed against Robert Odle, 17, Lurlan Odle, 19, Delbert Towery, 19, and Carl Edge, 17.

The Towery and Edge youths posted $1,000 bonds each and were released. Pratt and the two Odle youths remained in Osceola Jail Wednesday.

The five are charged in connection with an attack on a girl on a gravel road near here Saturday night, Mr. Swift said. Pratt picked up the car and later met the others, the prosecutor said.

The next term of Circuit Court will open in October.

BOY BITES INTRUDER'S LEG

Ex-Mental Patient Caught In Barn After Attack Try

CLARKSVILLE, Ark., Sept. 19 (AP)—Eighteen-year-old J. W. Hubbard, a former mental patient, was captured in a barn without a struggle today and told sheriff Ethel Blackard that he had been in the area since he attacked a young mother late yesterday.

Blackard caught a glimpse of Hubbard in the hayloft of the barn and ordered him to come down. The youth complied. He had been stabbed in the chest but the wounds were not deep enough to be serious.

The barn is near the home of Mrs. Horse Jones, who said she and her 3-year-old son beat off an attack by Hubbard.

Mrs. Jones said that a young man, holding a steak knife, was waiting in her house when she returned after feeding chickens yesterday afternoon. The young mother, who is expecting another child in about three months, said that the man dragged her to a bedroom and began choking her.

She said her son, Jerry, wrapped himself around the intruder's leg and bit him on the leg. When the attacker turned to slap the child she grabbed his knife and stabbed him twice. She then grabbed young Jerry and ran for help.

Deputy Sheriff Joe Bock and a posse of some 25 persons attempted to follow a dim trail of blood yesterday, but darkness halted the search.

Hubbard told Blackard that he had been in the area all night, hiding in brushpiles. He admitted attacking Mrs. Jones.

Asked why, he told the sheriff: "I don't know; I didn't want to hurt anybody."

Hubbard apparently had secured another knife during the night. He said he had stabbed two of the Jones' hogs, killing one of them.

Bock said another housewife in the area reported that Hubbard had attempted to enter her house prior to the attack on Mrs. Jones.

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Associated Press Wirephoto
ATTACK VICTIM
Carla Hixon

Find Girl, 7, Molested; Nab Suspect

Constitution
Thurs. 1-19-56
Atlanta Ga.

MESA, Ariz., Jan. 18 (AP)—A 7-year-old girl, missing since she stepped off a school bus near her ranch home yesterday, was found under a bush on the desert east of here today.

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At the hospital, Dr. W.B. Patterson confirmed that Carla Hixon had been sexually molested.

He said she had been beaten on the head, shoulders and legs.

Her condition was reported as serious if not critical.

The blonde, blue-eyed daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Hixon had been hunted by more than 300 persons.

Sheriff L. C. Carl Boies said the girl regained consciousness about 9 p.m. and told him:

"He (the assailant) wanted to pick me up and take me home. I didn't want to get in the car. Then he hit me ... and dragged me into the car. Then he took me out on the desert."

Boies said the girl described her assailant as a young man with brown hair. She said he was wearing a striped shirt and that his car was dark blue or black and had orange plates.

Minutes later deputies found a dark car abandoned near U.S. Highway 60-70-80 east of here and picked up two men in the vicinity.

and on foot. An airplane and a helicopter joined the search.

Police broadcast a pickup order for a forty-three-year-old man, five feet nine inches tall and weighing 215 pounds. They did not disclose how he had been linked with the case.

Associated Press wirephoto
MISSING — Seven-year-old Carla Hixon, of Mesa, Ariz.

Missing Girl, 7 Found Attacked

Herald Tribune
Thurs. 1-19-56

MESA, Ariz. Jan. 18 (AP).—A seven-year-old girl, missing since she stepped off a school bus near her ranch home yesterday was found unconscious, beaten and bleeding under a bush on the desert east of here today. The sheriff's office said it was believed Carla Hixon had been sexually attacked.

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Mesa City employees, who had been released from their jobs to join the hunt, found the unconscious girl. Sheriff L. C. Boies took her in his car to a hospital. Her condition was reported as serious.

New York, N.Y.

Carl Cluff, one of the searchers who found Carla, said both her eyes were blackened.

The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Hixon had been hunted by more than 300 persons, mounted

Kidnaped From Home And Raped

Beauty Queen's Assailant Seized

SANTA ANA, Calif., Jan. 11 (AP)—Donna May Schurr, an eighteen-year-old state beauty contest winner, was kidnaped and raped late last night, and minutes later her fiance captured her assailant after a 100-mile-an-hour chase. The victim was Miss California in last summer's Miss Universe contest.

Sheriff's deputies said Jack James Walker, twenty-five, broke into Miss Schurr's home at near-by Garden Grove and dragged her at knife-point to his car. Walker, of Santa Ana, was charged today with rape and kidnaping.

The beauty queen's fiance drove up to her house just as she was released in a hysterical condition from Walker's car, officials said. The fiance, Lloyd Brett, twenty-one, chased Walker in a 100-mile-an-hour race over back roads, forcing his car off the road in a fogbank.

Police Join Chase

California Highway Patrol officers joined the chase when the speeding cars went through stop signs. One officer restrained Mr. Brett from shooting Walker.

Deputies said Walker had admitted a similar attack on the blue-eyed, brown-haired beauty March 26. Then he hid in the back seat of her car at a drive-in where she was employed and threatened her with a knife. He was never apprehended on that offense, but deputies said Miss Schurr described a likeness of her assailant at the time.

She competed with entrants from most of the United States in the Miss U. S. A. phase of the international beauty pageant. She placed fourth in that competition.

Crime Reconstructed

Deputies reconstructed last night's crime:

Miss Schurr was alone in her bedroom about 10:45 p. m. when Walker forced his way into the house. He threatened her with a knife.

She screamed and struggled with him, suffering a deep gash in her palm. Walker dragged her into his car, drove to a remote area and forced her to submit.

When Walker drove back to the girl's house, Mr. Brett had just drivein up. When she saw her fiance, she screamed and jumped from Walker's car. It was then that Mr. Brett gave chase.

Walker is an auto upholsterer, married and the father of one child.

Associated Press wirephoto

Donna May Schurr

BEAUTY QUEEN, 18, IS KIDNAPED AND ASSAULTED

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Mother Of Six Calmly Prevents Youth's Attack

SAN RAFAEL, Calif., June 17 (AP)—Three young men invaded the big home of attorney Vincent Hallinan, at nearby Ross, terrorized his wife, Police Chief Joseph J. Regoni of Ross said here.

Regoni said Mrs. Hallinan, very distraught, told him one youth tore off her nightclothes but she said she talked him out of raping her.

The police chief said Mrs. Hallinan, 44, mother of six sons, was in bed when she heard a noise. She had expected her husband, 1952 Progressive party candidate for president, back from New York.

She opened a door and was confronted by a 6-foot young man.

She said he invaded her bedroom and ripped off her nightclothes.

Mrs. Haillian said she talked with the man and apparently calmed him. She perusaded him to go downstairs where he joined his two companions in the kitchen.

She said she finally talked the three men into leaving the house by giving them $30. They also took six bottles of liquor.

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GIRL, 13, RAPED AND STRANGLED; HUNT TRUCKER

Inq. 1-24-56

TORONTO, Ont., Jan. 19 (AP) —Linda Lampkin, 13, returning home from a dancing lesson, was strangled, raped and dumped on a waterfront street last night. A truck driver, Douglas Judges, found her body with her green scarf twisted around her neck.

Policemen began looking for a panel truck that was in the district before the body was found.

Smirle Lawson, Ontario coroner, said that the girl, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Lampkin of York township, apparently was tossed from an auto as it was driven along the street. She was last seen leaving her dancing class at 7:30 p. m.

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COLORADO

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Rape Victim Bears Son; Who Is Given Up Unseen

Post + Times Herald
Thurs 6-14-56

DENVER, June 13 (AP)—A 27-year-old Denver housewife, made pregnant by a rapist last September and denied an abortion by the laws of Colorado, gave birth to a son yesterday, it was revealed today. P. 3

Joe R. Anson, 31, announced that the child delivered by his wife, Margie, had been turned over immediately to the Denver Welfare Council for confidential adoption. He said neither he nor his wife saw the child. Washington D.C.

Mrs. Anson was raped by Airman John D. Peters, 18, of Lowry Air Force Base, Denver last Sept. 16 after he knocked her unconscious.

Peters was arrested, confessed the assault, and admitted he also had raped three other women in the same week. He is serving a 40-to-80-year sentence.

Mrs. Anson tried to obtain an abortion but was told it was illegal. 27-h(2)

"It's inhuman to expect a woman to suffer through such an ordeal," she said recently.

"I guess I could have had an illegal abortion, but we just aren't that kind of people.

"I don't suppose I'll ever actually forget this. This nine months has been a living nightmare for both myself and my husband. I've felt the baby stirring in my body and then I'm reminded of that terrible night.

"We could never love this child under the circumstances. It may sound cruel to anyone who hasn't suffered the mental torture I've suffered, but I just couldn't bring such a child up in the same house with my husband and little girl. And Joe wouldn't put up with it."

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Father of Four Is Held In Rape of Baby Sitter

Post + Times Herald Tues. 4-10-56 Washington, D.C.

A 30-year-old parking lot attendant was in Alexandria jail yesterday charged with the rape of a 16-year-old Washington girl who had been tending his child.

Marion Amos Alexander, 113 Powhatan st., was held by Juvenile Judge Irene Pancoast on $10,000 bond for preliminary hearing Wednesday.

The attack allegedly occurred Sunday afternoon when Alexander returned home alone from a party he had attended with his wife and three older children. The family had left the house at about 10 a. m.

The baby sitter told police she had been staying with the Alexanders since last Wednesday. She said she waited until the family was asleep Sunday night before calling friends for help. She was treated at George Washington University Hospital. Metropolitan police reported the case to Alexandria where a warrant was sworn out for Alexander's arrest at about 4 p. m.

The girl explained she failed to report the incident sooner because she feared Alexander's resentment. He was arrested and charged at about noon.

Six Arrested On Widow's Rape Charge

Post + Times Herald P.5-L Sun. 6-10-56 Washington, D.C.

Six men ranging in age from 18 to 23 were arrested by Metropolitan Police yesterday in connection with the reported rape early Friday of a 26-year-old widow and Navy stenographer.

The men were taken to Seat Pleasant for questioning by Prince Georges County officers.

A chance remark by the sister of one of the men led to their roundup. The woman, who lives in Prince Georges County, told her boss at a Washington food market that a newspaper account of the case was true.

The store manager in turn telephoned police, who interviewed the woman. The arrests were made by Dets. Thomas R. Russell, John H. Wildman and John Vaccaro, working under the direction of Lt. Nunzio Bonaccorsy.

The victim, described as a pretty brunette, told of being taken against her will in a car with six men to the Fort Foote area of Prince Georges County. She said she managed to escape and knocked on the door of a house only to be told by a woman occupant: "I can't help you. One of them is my brother."

A few moments later, the woman said, she was taken back to the car by three men.

Then arrested, the six men claimed the woman had agreed willingly to submit to them.

Court Denies Bond For 7 in Rape Case

Herald P.3 Post + Times Herald Thurs. 6-7-56 Washington, D.C.

Seven men accused of raping a 26-year-old Navy clerk-typist last Friday were denied bond yesterday in Prince Georges County Circuit Court.

Judge Charles C. Marbury refused bond for the seven at a habeas corpus hearing in Upper Marlboro after State's Attorney Blair H. Smith termed the alleged mass attack "the most atrocious, harsh, cruel and inhumane sex case that has occurred since this administration came into office."

The seven men are John W. Robertson Jr., 23, 3329 Brothers place se.; Robert Edward Richards, 18, 1241 4th st. sw.; George Stanley Breeden, 21, 313 I st. sw.; Robert W. Singleton, 19, 411 6th st. sw.; John B. Singleton, 18, of 459 I st. sw.; Ronald Gene Ryroads, 21, 479 N st. sw. and Joseph Charles Frady, 20, 459 I st. sw.

Four Youths Held in Rape Of Girl, 17

Post + Times Herald Herald P.3-a Sat. 12-1-56 Washington, D.C.

Four youths were charged in Fairfax County yesterday with the rape of a 17-year-old Alexandria girl.

The girl, who suffered a broken jaw and other injuries, was reported in fair condition at Alexandria Hospital.

She told Fairfax police her assailants, one of whom she knew, picked her up late Thursday night at her home.

According to Detective Richard H. Lester, she was driven to a lonely road off Parkers lane in Fairfax County. He said the youths forced her out of the car and gave her a brutal beating.

Lester said the girl slashed one of the boys in the face with a pocket knife. He said all four youths raped her.

The girl told police she was returned to Alexandria by the attackers and dumped on the street.

Charged with the attack are Lawrence M. Bradham, 19, 408 Benson dr., Groveton; Enoch Roach Jr., 19, listed at 16 John Roberts Homes, Alexandria; Raul A. Byram, 18, 392 W Lee st., Alexandria, and a 17-year-old Alexandria boy.

Roach and the juvenile have confessed to the attack, police said. All of the assailants except Byram were identified by the girl.

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Choir Girl Tells Jury Of Attack

Herald Fri. 1-27-56 P. 1

Defendant Denies He Used Force

Miami, Fla.

By J. L. (DIXIE) SMITH
Herald Staff Writer

With only one outburst of tears, a teen-age choir singer Thursday told a Circuit Court jury and crowded courtroom how "a ride home" turned into a forced criminal assault on a lonely road west of Miami.

A ninth grade student, the 14-year-old girl testified that she was overpowered the night of Nov. 17 by Warren Jerome Smith, 21, in the back seat of an automobile into which Smith "shoved" her.

She told jurors and Judge Ray Pearson she resisted as best she could, pushing and scratching — once screaming — but was told that her calls for help would do no good," nobody can hear you."

Smith, of 1310 NW 22nd Ave., married and the father of a child, hung his head at times as the pretty dark-haired witness related the details of the rape assault.

As she narrated the events of the evening, this was her story: She and a girl friend had gone to a Flagler Street church for choir practice, only to find it called off. They then walked to a nearby drugstore where they talked with two boys who attend school with them.

Also in the store was Smith and two of his friends. The witness and her boy friends accepted a ride home with one of Smith's friends, James Nelson, 17, of 2660 SW 3rd St. The witness's girl friend did not accompany them.

Moments later, Nelson met Smith's car and the drivers stopped to talk. Both cars then headed west on Tamiami Trail, reportedly for "a drag race."

The girl begged for a chance to get out and walk but Nelson kept going. Several miles later, Smith's car turned south from the Trail and Nelson followed. Both stopped and the five boys and one girl discussed a race down the dirt road.

Smith then asked to talk alone with the girl, tried to kiss her, was refused and finally grabbed her by one wrist and shoved her into Nelson's car. Thereafter, Nelson drove Smith and the girl farther down the dark lane, then stepped from the car and left the two there.

The girl crying and "frantic," appealed to young Nelson to persuade Smith to let her go home. Smith then pushed her into the back seat and carried out his assault, she said.

Nelson testified as a prosecution witness that he took the girl back to Miami from the scene, letting her out near the girl friends' home.

She reached her own family home shortly after 9 p.m. and went to Jackson Memorial Hospital an hour later.

George Heller, counsel for Smith, told jurors in an opening statement Tuesday morning that Smith admitted having relations with the girl but denied using force.

Paul Lewis and Thomas Balikes, assistant state attorneys, have a dozen more witnesses to call today after Heller completes cross-examination of the girl.

It appeared Thursday night the trail may run into next week since the defense also has revealed plans to call a dozen or more witnesses.

OFFICER GUILTY IN ATTACK CASE

Times-Picayune

White Policeman Accused by Negro Woman

Fri. 3-16-56

PENSACOLA, Fla. March 15 (AP)—A policeman convicted of aggravated assault on a Negro woman was given a two-year sentence Thursday. Judge Ernest E. Mason called the conviction "a remarkable tribute to American justice."

Attorneys for George McLarty, 25, suspended patrolman, filed notice of appeal. Bond was set at $1000.

New Orleans,

McLarty was convicted Friday night of aggravated assault on a woman whose home he had entered Jan. 17. He originally was charged with attempted rape and aggravated assault on two Negro women but was convicted only on the one lesser charge.

Commenting on the case, Mason said:

"It will be interesting to note how some of the Northern press who so readily point the finger of scorn at the South, and who so readily jump at conclusions on charges of race discrimination, and who so readily charge us with abusing and discriminating against the Negro race—it will be interesting to note how they'll treat this case.

"We'll see how fair they are."

"Here's a jury of Southern white men who determined the most humble citizen, be he white or black is entitled to be secure in his home.

The patrolman said he entered the homes in an effort to get help to free his automobile, which was stuck in the mud. He was off duty at the time.

McLarty and another patrolman, Randall Sellers, 23, were suspended Jan. 17 by Police Chief Crosby Hall, who charged both with immorality, neglect of duty and insubordination. The chief recommended that both be dismissed from the force.

No date has been set for McLarty's hearing before the Pensacola civil service board on those charges.

The immorality charge against Sellers was dismissed at a civil service board hearing Tuesday after witnesses said he did not enter the Negro homes. No criminal charges were filed against Sellers, who testified he had been riding around with McLarty that night.

Two Men Held For Assault

Herald P. 2-B Wed. 5-9-56

A Miami car salesman and a truck driver are being held by Miami police, charged with rape of two 17-year-old girls.

Miami, Fla.

Thomas Eicher, 21, of 531 NW 60th Ave., a truck driver, and Reed Collett, 23, of 6311 NW 1st Pl., car salesman, were arrested Tuesday by sheriff's officers Leslie Buskirk and Donald De Longchamps.

Deputies said the two girls charged they were picked up by Eicher and Collett at a swimming pool Friday and taken to a lonely road off Tamiami Trail. There, police said, the two men beat the girls into submitting.

The suspects are being held in Dade County jail without bail.

Six Youths Locked Up In Assault

Herald P. 21-A Mon. 5-21-56

Miami, Fla.

Six teenagers were in custody Sunday after the alleged rape of a 15-year-old southwest section high school girl on a lonely canal bank in Coral Gables.

Miami police arrested all six of the youths shortly after the girl was released by the boys on Douglas Road late Saturday.

Three of the youths—all 17—are held in County Jail without bond on suspicion of rape. The others, all 15, are in Juvenile Detention Home along with the girl, according to Sgt. Manson Hill, criminal investigator for the sheriff's department.

Hill said the boys admitted forcing the girl to submit to one of them while five held her. They said they picked the girl up on the pretense of taking her to get pizza, then drove to the canal bank.

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The girl, who struggled fiercely and once escaped from the car only to be dragged back, according to Hill, claimed three of the youths attacked her.

A passing motorist discovered the half-clad girl alongside the road at 4230 Douglas Rd. and notified police, who dispatched Eastern Ambulance to take the girl to Jackson.

Hill said it would be up to the state attorney's office to decide what charges would be placed against the teenagers, all of whom live in the southwest section of Miami and South Dade County.

Florida Officer Jailed for Assault On Negro Woman

Courier-Journal P. 3-16-56

Louisville, Ky.

Pensacola, Fla., March 15 (AP)—A suspended policeman was sentenced today to two years in State Prison for aggravated assault on a Negro woman.

Judge Ernest E. Mason of the Court of Records imposed sentence on George McLarty, 25, then commented:

"It will be interesting to see what the Northern press has to say about Florida justice."

The judge overruled a defense motion for a new trial.

McLarty was convicted Friday night of the charge of aggravated assault by a jury that deliberated about an hour.

Columbus Police Capture Escaped Rape Slayer

Journal P.11-A
Montgomery Ala
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COLUMBUS, Ga. (AP)—A 21-year-old man sentenced to death in the rape slaying of an Oklahoma beauty queen was recaptured by police in his own home town last night less than 24 hours after breaking out of a Panama City, Fla., jail with a companion.

The FBI said George Lowell Everett was spotted on the street by Columbus Police Capt. J. T. Spence and Detective Capt. Clyde Adair while they were cruising near a Columbus drive-in restaurant.

OFFERS NO RESISTANCE

Both officers knew Everett, who formerly lived in Columbus and had a long record of brushes with the law. J. K. Mumford, special agent in charge of the Atlanta FBI office, said Everett was arrested without offering any resistance.

His companion, Charles J. Sullivan of Falls Church, Va., was nabbed at Troy, Ala., yesterday by City Patrolman Oscar Parham who recognized him from a broadcast description. Sullivan was facing trial on robbery and forgery charges.

The two men escaped from the Bay County jail at Panama City on Wednesday night. Sheriff M. J. Daffin said they were assisted in the break by Dallas E. Withers, 33, held in the sex slaying of two boys at Panama City. Withers did not leave the jail, however.

Sullivan was taken from Troy to Columbus by two Florida officers. One of them, Bay County Investigator Floyd Nixon, said the two men would remain in Columbus city jail for a day or two until arrangements are completed to return them to Florida. Officers said they understood both escapees had waived extradition.

Everett told police he came to Columbus on a bus from Montgomery, Ala., where he and Sullivan apparently separated. Everett's mother, Mrs. C. E. Farrell, has testified that her son had his first brush with the law when he stole a bicycle at the age of eight. His stepfather said the youth's encounters with juvenile authorities were "too numerous to remember."

HAD APPEALED SENTENCE

Everett was awaiting disposition of an appeal from his death sentence when he escaped. He was convicted and sentenced to death May 28, 1955, on charges of raping, stabbing and strangling the pretty 21-year-old wife of an Air Force sergeant in their duplex home Jan. 18 at Panama City.

The victim was blonde Mrs. Lou Ellen Jones, a former high school band beauty queen at El Reno, Okla., and the mother of a 2-year-old boy. Her son was not harmed.

Sheriff Daffin said Withers enabled Everett and Sullivan to escape through a ruse. The three had been confined in the same cell and the sheriff said Everett and Withers appeared to be good friends.

JAILOR SUSPENDED

The officer said night jailer B. O. Rushing was returning the three to their cell when Withers told the jailer he had left his cup in a larger recreation cell. He asked the jailer to get it for him.

Rushing left the cell door unlocked and walked out, Daffin said. While he was gone, the two men slipped through a hall door, forced a second floor window, jumped about 15-feet to the ground and escaped.

The sheriff charged Rushing with negligence in leaving two jail doors unlocked, suspended him, and relieved him of all duties pending an investigation.

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Sister, Brother See Blond Attack Girl, 14

Afro-American Baltimore, Md. 3-7-56

BY SAMUEL L. ADAMS

ATLANTA (NNPA) — A 14-year-old member of a rural family Monday recounted the harrowing experience she suffered when a white man reportedly criminally assaulted her while her younger brother and sister looked on.

The sordid tale was revealed to The Atlanta Daily World after the girl's mother, out of concern for the welfare of her family, had fled with her eleven children to Gainsville Ga.

The alleged act occurred on the afternoon of Dec. 26 in the woods near the family's home in Walton County. The children had been sent out by their mother to gather fire wood.

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Arrested in connection with the crime is a man identified as "Junior" Meeks, age about 30, who resides in Walton County.

Meeks was listed as the father of two children. He was held on a charge of molesting a minor girl.

The girl charged he criminally attacked her. A medical examination showed that the teenager's chastity has been destroyed.

THE GIRL her 40-year-old mother, a friend of the family, and her two brothers told their story in an exclusive interview. An 8-year-old sister and a 3-year-old brother were listed among eyewitnesses of the alleged criminal assault.

Later in the afternoon, four of the children came running home, crying and yelling? "A white man is trying to kill sister," the mother said.

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THE EXCITED woman said she hurried to Gratis, a nearby community to report the incident to Sheriff Doc Sorrells. Meanwhile, her 16-year-old son went to look for his sister armed with a rifle.

According to the combined testimony of the witnesses, the white man came to the children in the woods and told them their mother "wanted us to help look for a red bull." He led them through a pasture and offered them whisky, they said.

The alleged victim claims her 8-year-old brother began crying and she picked him up, then "this white man took him from me and threw him on the ground."

She said he then attacked her.

The alleged attacker also reportedly forced the girl to commit an unnatural sex act with him, she said.

The witnesses said the white man had been to the family's home shortly before Christmas and had promised to send Santa Claus to see them.

When her eldest brother came into the woods to rescue her, the girl said, the man ran after the boy fired several shots.

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TO FURTHER aid in the man's identification and hamper his escape, the girl said, her brother pushed his car off the road into a ditch and let the air out of the tires. The caraided in identifying the suspect.

Sheriff Sorrells, called to investigate the incident, advised the child's mother to swear out a warrant for the arrest of Meeks. The warrant was obtained the next day.

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THEN, IN FEAR of reprisals, the mother whisked her family off to Gainesville. The sheriff, however, brought them back to Monroe for the hearing Monday.

Each of the witnesses told corroborating stories at the hearing and identified Meeks as the perpetrator of the alleged crime.

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IN MONROE, Sheriff Sorrells said the woman reported the incident by phone, and two deputies from his office went to investigate the next day. He said they recognized the car as the 1940 or 1941 Chevrolet belonging to Meeks.

"It was three or four days before we could arrest him," the sheriff said.

Sheriff Sorrells said his deputies found Meeks' car parked at the edge of the woods in a ditch. He said Meeks was "charged with molestation" and was bound over for the grand jury. The grand jury meets Feb. 20.

Girl, 14, Reports 5 Assaulted Her In Vacant House

Constitution Atlanta, Ga. Wed. 2-8-56

A 14-year-old girl Tuesday reported to police that she was held at pistol point and raped by five youths who drove her to a vacant house in a vacant fied near Atlanta.

DeKalb police Lt. R. A. Boone said it was determined the reported assault occurred in Clayton County and the case was turned over to Clayton Sheriff John T. Davis.

The girl had gone on a date with one of the youths, Boone said, and four other boys and a girl joined the party.

Boone said the victim managed to get free, climbed out a window and fled through the night to a farm house nearby.

Four suspects in the case were being held for investigation of larceny, Boone said. He added Clayton County officials would investigate the rape charge.

The mother of the girl also said she had reported the incident to ministers of the city but did not get any cooperation.

Negro Baby Sitter

White Cabbie Sought For Attack On Girl

Daily World P. 1 Wed. 3-7-56 Atlanta, Ga.

A lookout was placed Tuesday for a white cab driver accused of assaulting and attempting to criminally attack a 17-year-old Negro baby-sitter.

Wanted in connection with the crime is H. H. Reynolds of 537 Blvd. NE, Apt. 14. While he is wanted only on an assault and battery charge, the assault victim charges that he also made sexual advances as she rode in his cab early Tuesday morning.

Mrs. Gloria Childress, 972 Welch St., told police that she sent her young baby-sitter home in Blue and Grey Taxi Cab Number 12 about 1:45 a. m. Reynolds was listed as the driver of the cab.

The attack victim suffered abrasions about the fact and head, police said, when she refused the sexual advances of the white driver. She said the assault took place around 3 a. m. in a dark spot on Forrest Park Rd., just north of Constitution Road.

After the girl was beaten and still would not conform to the driver's wishes, he put her out of the cab, forcing her to walk home, it was reported.

Orderly Bound Over For Assault Of Hosp. Technician

Daily World Atlanta, Ga. Wed. 3-7-56

Accused of molesting a white hospital technician, a 33-year-old hospital orderly was bound over Monday for assault and battery.

Detective Sgt. C. C. Hamby said a young Grady Hospital technician told him that George Morris, 557 Mitchell St., assaulted her as she lay in bed, too hoarse to scream. The woman was suffering from a virus infection and was too ill to appear in court, he said.

The 24-year-old technician said Morris attempted to molest her several times, Det. Hamby said Morris denied the charges. Judge Luke Arnold set the defendant's bond at $300.

Wed. 3-21-56

The detective said the incident occurred March 20, at a time when the woman "could hardly whisper."

NEGRO GIRL ATTACKED BY TWO WHITE MEN, SOURCES REVEAL

Birmingham, Ala. 3-17-56

BAINBRIDGE, Ga. —(SNS)— A 21-year-old Negro girl was criminally assaulted by two white men, a few days ago, the World has learned from two reliable sources.

The young woman is reported to have been recently released from the institution for the mentally ill at Milledgeville, it was also disclosed.

The mother of the girl is supposed to have released the information to city officials in Milledgeville. The kind of action taken by police officials following the report has not been definitely established.

Both Mrs. Childress and the injured young Miss said they could identify the cab driver.

A check with the Blue and Grey Cab dispatcher indicated that the driver of cab number 32 reported that he had passengers at the time of the reported assault. The dispatcher said when he made a routine check with the driver with intentions of giving him a call, his reported position was in the vicinity of the Federal Prison.

3 Sentenced In Assault

Herald Miami, Fla. 3-26-56

COLUMBUS, Ga. —(UP)— Federal Judge W. A. Bootle has sentenced three soldiers each to three years in prison for the rape of a 16-year-old girl hitchhiker from Texas.

The soldiers were listed as Pvt. Delton Fay Stoelke, 18, of Fayetteville, Tex. convicted after a six-day trial; Pfc. Robert Payne, 22, of Griffin, Ga.; and Cpl. William F. Johnson, 20, of Sparta, Wis. who entered guilty pleas.

The soldiers were charged with picking up the hitchhiker and taking her to the Ft. Benning Military Reservation and raping her.

White Man Sought For Attacking Negro Woman

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Atlanta Ga.

By SAMUEL ADAMS

Police began screening suspects last Tuesday to determine the identity of a white man sought for criminally assaulting a Negro female elevator operator between floors where she worked at a Ponce De Leon Ave. Hotel. P. 1

The victim of the attack, a 29-year-old Northwest Atlanta woman, was tormented at knife point at about 10:15 p. m. Monday, police reported. Witnesses said the perpetrator, a white man, had contacted them several times in his frantic effort for a female companion.

The young elevator operator told police the man rode up and down several times on the machine she was operating and offered her as much as $100 for intimate relations. She refused and was forcibly attacked.

Homicide Detectives J. G. Adams and O. W. Adams said two white bell-boys and a Negro hotel employee saw the wanted man board the elevator several times just prior to the attack. Doctors said the woman's body bore medical evidence of an attack.

The victim's story, as retold by police, said:

A black-haired man, approximately 23, weighing 180 pounds and five-feet eight-inches in height got on the elevator wearing black pants, white shirt and a bow tie. He asked for the seventh floor, but also asked the operator to get him a girl as they rode up. She told him this was not done in the hotel so he got off on seven, but rang again before she could return to the ground floor lobby.

He rode up and down about three times, continually asking that she get him a girl or consent to a relation herself. Each time she refused.

He got off the elevator on floor seven but soon rang the buzzer, this time on floor five. He boarded the machine and first offered the operator $10; then $20, $35, and finally $100, asserting that this was as much as he would pay. The young woman refused emphatically.

With this refusal, the man became violent, took a knife from his pocket and held it a. the woman's side demanding that she submit. The act completed, he got off the elevator and strode through the lobby and escaped in a car that was parked across from the hotel. While the victim was recovering from the shock

The victim then went to the basement and reported the incident to the hotel's assistant engineer who called the desk clerk and asked her to call police.

Virgil Dorsey, 768 Humphries St., a hotel employee who heard the victim's outcry, along with bellboys Bill Padgett and Ray Groves, who talked with the perpetrator prior to the attack, aided police in screening photographs of known sex criminals in an effort to find the alleged rapist.

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Indict White Student In Attack On Teacher

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Sat. 12-1-36 P. 1 & 2

A white college student, who was charged with attacking a Negro teacher near Mosley Park, was indicted Friday in a bill alleging "assault with intent to rape."

The 18-year-old youth was identified as Kenneth Wayne Gentry of Bolton, Ga. He had described himself as a student of Georgia Tech.

Gentry was arrested Nov. 20 and charged with attacking a 25-year old Negro teacher after she left a trolley and was walking to a parent-teacher association meeting at Stanton School. He pleaded guilty Nov. 21 in Recorders Court to the charge on which he was arrested (assault and battery), but an attorney representing the victim asked that the charge be increased to assault with intent to murder and assault with intent to rape. Municipal Court Judge James Webb left the decision for the Grand Jurors as he bound Gentry over to the grand jury on assault and battery

BOND $1,000

Shortly after his arrest, Gentry was released under $300 bond. This, however, was increased to a $1,000 at the Recorders Court hearing after Judge Webb learned that the youth allegedly was already on probation "for theft".

After first denying he had ever been in trouble on charges other than traffic violation, Gentry changed his story when Det. W. S. Acree asked:

"Are'nt you on probation for something?"

The defendant then told the judge he was on probation for stealing gasoline.

At the hearing, the young teacher said, the teenage youth pinned her to the ground, and when she screamed, choked her and threatened to kill her unless she kept quiet.

Prior to this, she said, he pulled his car into a driveway and stopped it across the sidewalk in such a manner that she was forced to stop or walk around it. He then asked her where West View Dr. was, but said she did not know, according to her testimony. A second question was if she knew a Mr. Jamison.

After she told him she did not know any of his questions, that she had only been teaching in the community for two months, the victim added, the white youth jumped from the car and attacked her, hitting her in the stomach and throwing her to the ground. The choking and threats against her life followed, she said.

A female witness said she saw Gentry press the teacher's shoulders to the ground while beating her. She said she jumped from her car to help the victim while her two cousins chased th esuspect.

Gentry was apprehended by Benjamin Dickerson, Jr., of a Carver St. address anr Charles O. Swain, of a Winwood Dr. address. Both were among witnesses questioned by the Grand Jury.

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Appeared In Shock

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5 White Men Who Beat Girl Not Identified

Misc. 11-14-56

The young girl, who was abducted and beaten Tuesday by five unidentified white men, has not given what police term a substantial description of her assailants, it was learned Tuesday.

It was not revealed whether the girl was still in shock or simply unable to recall details of the attackers features. The girl, who lives in the rear of an apartment house occupied by white families, in a predominantly white neighborhood, was earlier reported in apparent shock after begging help at the first house she came to.

The 16-year-old victim was snatched from the driveway of the dwelling in which she lived early Monday and driven to a spot near Piedmont Park where five men beat her for refusing to submit to them, police reported.

"There were five of them — five white boys," the girl kept repeating immediately after the incident, according to the white woman at whose home she sought help.

Mrs. Charlie Duncan, 1054 Cumberland Dr., NE, told this reporter the young girl came to her home shortly after 1 a. m. She said the girl was "pretty torn up," crying, and kept saying she had been attacked by five white men.

Mrs. Duncan and her husband reported the incident to police.

"From what we gathered, the five men let her out of their car some distance from our house, we don't know where," said Mrs. Duncan.

She said the victim soon stopped talking and appeared in a state of shock after she "sat down on our sofa."

Ptl. C. E. Lyon and H. A. Hitchcock said the teenage girl was taken from the driveway about 1 a. m. by a whiteman who threw her into a grey, 1952 Dodge of Plymouth automobile in which four other white men were waiting. They drove away and beat her when she refused to submit to them.

The girl suffered bruises about her face and body. Detective Superintendent I. G. Cowan said the case was assigned to Dets. R. P. McGee and W. D. Browning.

"We'd have a good case if we found them, becauses she evidently went to the first house she came to and made an outcry. But we

Hunt Rapist Who Invades Store and Robs Victim

Daily World P. 3
Wed. 2-22-56
Chicago Ill.

Police sought a Negro wearing a brown jacket and dark trousers who raped a 62-year-old housewife in her delicatessen in the 6100 block in Ravenswood av. yesterday and robbed her of $7.

The victim told police that her assailant first asked for a bottle of a soft drink, which she sold him. He then told her that her husband had hired him to do some painting. She told him she knew nothing of it, and that her husband was not there.

Ordered Into Closet

The man then pushed her into a rear room, threw her on a bed, disrobed and raped her. He ordered her into a closet and told her not to come out.

She heard the bell on the front door ring, and assumed her assailant had left. When she came out of the closet the man was still there.

Repeats Threat

"I am going to kill you, I told you to stay in there," he told her. She reëntered the closet and did not emerge until she heard other customers in the store.

She described her assailant as 20 to 25 years old, 5 feet 8 inches tall, and weighing about 175 pounds.

VOTE TO INDICT DETECTIVE FOR GIRL'S ASSAULT

Daily Tribune
27h(2) 10-17-56
Chicago Ill.

Identified by Pupil, 17, in Pistol Whipping

Detective Arthur Taylor reportedly was named yesterday by the county grand jury in a true bill charging assault to murder. He had been arrested Monday night on a charge of beating a south side high school girl with a pistol.

Virginia Wenzel, 17, of 7343 Dante av., a senior at Aquinas High school, identified Taylor as the man who assaulted her as she was airing her dog in Blackstone av. near 74th st.

Detective Suspended

Taylor, 27, of 9205 Princeton av., who had been assigned to the robbery detail, denied the accusation. He was released in $5,000 bond. Deputy Police Commissioner Kyran Phelan suspended Taylor.

Miss Wenzel told police a green automobile drew alongside as she was walking in Blackstone av. She screamed as a tall man stepped out of the car with a pistol in his hand. The man told her, "Shut your mouth or I'll blow your brains out."

She continued to scream as he grabbed her by the right shoulder and swung at her with his gun.

Jots Down License

"I rolled with the blow as it landed on the left side of my forehead," she said. "Then I ducked away, still screaming."

The man walked back to the car and drove east in 74th st. Portman Wittenberg, 31, of 632 E. 101st st., an employe in the gas station at 7358 Stony Island av., heard the girl's screams a block away, saw the driver of the car, and jotted down the license of the auto.

The license checked to Taylor, who was arrested in his home. At 2 a. m. yesterday both Miss Wenzel and Wittenberg identified him.

GRADE SCHOOL TEACHER FACES RAPE CHARGE

Daily Tribune
Thurs. 9-20-56
Chicago Ill.

Robert Drucker, 33, of 5431 Dorchester av., a teacher in the Hayes elementary school at 258 N. Leavitt st., was ordered booked on a charge of statutory rape yesterday, after he admitted that he had been living with a 15 year old g

Schools Supt. Benjamin Willis suspended Drucker from his teaching position.

Reports Girl Missing

Drucker was arrested Tuesday night when he went to the Hyde Park station to report the disappearance of the girl with whom he had been living. He told police he thought she was 18.

He said he met her while she was working as a hostess in the Star club at 343 N. Broad st., Griffith, Ind.

The girl had run away from home on Aug. 28, and had been reported missing by her mother. She was picked up Tuesday by Detectives Andrew Bartlett and Ralph McGrath.

She told police that she stole a birth certificate from an older girl friend, and used it to get a job in the tavern.

Drucker Holds Degree

Drucker was ordered booked on the charge of statutory rape after he had been questioned in the sex bureau.

He was born in Far Rockaway, N. Y., and attended high school there, later obtaining a master's degree in education from New York university.

He joined the Chicago school system as an elementary teacher in September of 1954, and was first assigned to Columbus school, 1003 N. Leavitt st., transferring to Hayes in February of 1955.

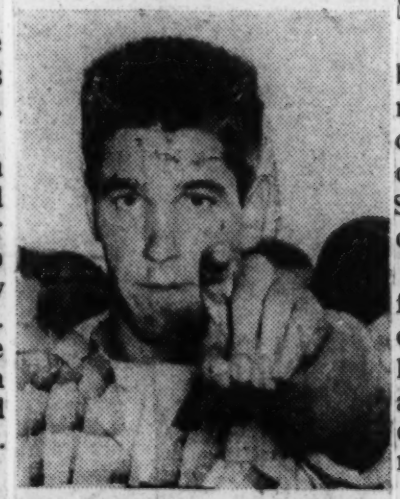
Since he has not been a school board employe for three years, he still has probationary status.

Two Identify Sex Killer in Rape Cases

Tribune P. 1
Sun. 9-16-56
Chicago Ill.

Arthur Bauer, 21, a construction worker who admitted Friday he killed Rosemary McCarthy, 18, when she resisted his advances, was identified yesterday by two other rape victims. Police planned to question him in two sex murders.

As Bauer reënacted the slaying of Miss McCarthy Sept. 5 in a parking area behind a garage at 5235 Halsted st., State's Atty. Gutknecht said he would present the murder case



Bauer pointing to spot where he killed Miss McCarthy.

to the grand jury this week. Gutknecht attended the reënactment, then said he wanted to give police time for a full investigation.

Admits Raping Girl

A 17 year old girl, raped Sept. 10 in Sherman park by a man who threatened and ran off her boy friend, and a 34 year old mother of three children, raped March 11 at 49th st. and Ashland av., identified Bauer as the attacker.

Police said Bauer denied raping the girl but admitted attacking the mother.

"I've been drinking since I was 15," he said. "I black out when I'm drinking. I don't know what's happened to me."

Suspected by Wife

Capt. Frank Reynolds of the Stock Yards police district said Bauer would be given a lie test today in connection with the murders of Bernice Bartels, 42, found raped and killed last Jan. 29 in an alley at the rear of 2262 Avers av., and Miss Margaret Gallagher, 40, of 915 Carmen av., slain July 22 as she sunbathed on the lake front just south of Bryn Mawr av.

Bauer's wife, Sharon, 20, was spirited away from her home after she told police she knew her husband, an apprentice carpenter, had killed Miss McCarthy.

She suspected him, she said, because he had been out all night the night of Sept. 5, and came home with different clothes than he had left in. She said she found blood stains on his shoes and stockings.

"I woke him up, and he finally told me that he murdered her," she said. "He said he felt better that I knew about it. I know that when he drink she is not in his right mind."

Bauer was surrounded by a heavy police guard as he reenacted the killing of Miss McCarthy. She formerly lived with her father at 4404 S. Wood st. and had gone there, and ben unable to arouse anyone, about 4:30 a. m. Sept. 5, shortly before she was murdered.

He said he left a restaurant at 47th st. and Marshfield av. with Rosemary, and drove to the parking lot. He said she jumped out of the car when he put his arm around her, and he seized his carpenter's hatchet from the seat of his borrowed car.

NAME SLAYING FIGURE IN RAPE AT DEERFIELD

Daily Tribune
Thurs. 11-15-56
Chicago Ill.

Kenneth Schultz, 21, of 1534 S. Homore st., under indictment for murder in the slaying of a tavern patron in an attempted robbery, Sept. 22, has been identified as the man who raped a Wilmette woman, 25, after forcing the woman's car off the highway in route 42A, north of Deerfield, Lake county, on Sept. 11, Sheriff Stanley M. Christian disclosed yesterday.

Schultz and a companion, David Jakubowski, 21, of 1326 Wicker Park av., will go on trial Oct. 29 in the fatal shooting of Glen Denny, 22, of 3949 Lyons av., Skokie, in the tavern at 5053 Lincoln av. Two other tavern patrons were shot when they attempted to break up the holdup.

Christian said the rape victim, who is expecting her third child, was on her way home from Highland Park where she had visited a woman friend when the rape occurred. He said the woman friend saw Schultz's picture on a television news film in connection with the tavern shooting and believed he fitted the description of the rapist. Deputy Charles E. Larson was assigned to the investigation which led to the identification.

Alleged Rape Victim Takes Stand at Trial

Courier-Journal Final
Fri. 10-19-56 Louisville, Ky.

Williamsburg, Ky., Oct. 18 (AP)—Mrs. Ruby Arntz today testified that a mountain preacher raped her over a four-year period while she was a ward of the Galilean Children's Home, near Corbin. P. 1

Mrs. Arntz, on the stand at the Rev. John Vogel's second trial, told the Whitley Circuit Court Jury the minister raped her when she was 15 and continued to do so four years.

Vogel, freed under $20,000 bond, was tried last year, but the jury was unable to reach a verdict. He also faces trial on a second indictment for rape.

2 Ex-Employees Testify

Included in the prosecution's list of nine witnesses were Boyd Littrell and Wilbur Haas, of Illinois, former employees at the home Vogel directed.

They testified about conditions in the home while they were there.

Vogel denied the rape charge at the previous trial and said the girl, whose maiden name was Ruby Powell, was prejudiced against him because he had had to discipline her frequently.

Mrs. Arntz now lives at Grand Rapids, Mich.

Vogel last July moved his 45 wards to Florida "to escape unbearable hellish political persecution." He didn't elaborate.

His License Suspended

Moving of the home to an estate near Leesburg, Fla., was one of the reasons given by State Economic Security Commissioner Vego Barnes for suspending Vogel's license to operate a child-care agency.

Vogel later surrendered his permit.

Vogel received national publicity after the unique home was founded in 1939. He and his wife developed a one-room house into a plant of 15 buildings.

Vogel's troubles mounted last August when the Internal Revenue Service stuck a $132,000 lien on his property.

Checking Tax Returns

District Director William Gray said the Louisville office of the I.R.S. was checking Vogel's income-tax returns and that the lien was obtained to protect the Federal Government against any disposition of the property.

Vogel said he didn't owe the Government any money.

"This is just a political vengeance that is being carried out into many extremes for the ultimate purpose of totally destroying the Galilean Children's Home," he said.

The preacher contended the home was tax-exempt because "it is a nonprofit religious corporation."

The defense is scheduled to present its case tomorrow.

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LSU SUSPENDS SIX AFTER RAPE HEARING

Commercial Appeal
Sat 3-10-56

Latin American Students Hit By Ban

p. 14

BATON ROUGE, La., March [illegible]—(AP)—Louisiana State University said Friday six Latin American students involved in a rape hearing before the grand jury have been suspended indefinitely.

Memphis Tenn.

The youths, who were not identified by the district attorney or LSU, were released by the East Baton Rouge Parish Grand Jury Thursday when it returned six no true bills in their cases.

A married woman who had been drinking with them Sunday accused the six of attacking her near the LSU campus. She was driving them home in her car.

LSU said the University Disciplinary Committee, consisting of student and faculty members, suspended the six for conduct unbecoming university students "and for conduct reflecting upon the student body and university."

An LSU spokesman said it was unlikely they would be admitted again, although they could file applications with the president next year.

The woman called for help Sunday from a telephone booth in the LSU stadium dormitory. LSU stadium police found her there.

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Officers said she reported the attack occurred before dawn, just west of the LSU baseball diamond.

The six were not charged, because Dist. Atty. J. St. Clair Favrot said he wanted to bring their cases before the grand jury.

Attempted Rape on Ship Charged

Times-Picayune

The federal bureau of investigation in New Orleans reported Saturday the arrest aboard ship of a Dallas seaman charged with attempting to rape a 17-year-old girl, a passenger aboard the sea-going vessel.

Pub. Thurs. 3-18-56

Special-agent-in-charge M. P. Chiles identified the arrested man as Carlos R. G. Flores, 28.

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Flores was arrested Friday night after the ship docked at New Orleans. He had been confined to his quarters aboard the craft by the ship's master after the alleged attempted rape, Chiles said. FBI agents arrested Flores aboard the ship and took him to Parish Prison to await arraignment before United States Commissioner Reginald H. Carter Jr.

New Orleans, La.

The alleged incident occurred March 5 on the Atlantic ocean as the ship was en route from Antwerp to New Orleans.

Flores, third assistant engineer on the ship, was charged specifically with illegally entering the girl's stateroom and forcibly attempting to commit rape.

Scores of neighbors excitedly toured the vicinity during the dramatic hours searching for the missing child. It was not immediately known as to the nature of Taylor's business in that section, or whether he had a past record of similar sex offenses.

Charged With 'Indecent Behavior'

Girl 5, Victim Of Attack By White Man In Harvey

Times-Picayune

Sat. 3-10-56

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A 41-year-old white man was booked in Jefferson parish jail in Gretna Friday night with indecent behavior with a juvenile after he allegedly spirited a five-year-old Negro girl from the sidewalk of her home in Harvey into a weeded area some distance away.

The man was identified as Comor Taylor, Livermore, Ky.

Relatvies of the victim told a Louisiana Weekly newsman that the white man approached the child, who had left her home headed three doors away to a relative, and offered her a nickle. When she refused, Taylor allegedly covered her mouth with his hands, carrying her to the densely-covered weeded section nearby.

It was reported that after the child had not been located around 8:30 p. m., the police were summoned. While relatives were giving police a description of the missing child, two other relatives scouring the vicinity noticed grass moving and a faint cry coming from the spot where the girl had been taken.

Following a brief scuffle, the men subdued Taylor and turned him over to police.

According to medical reports, during the alleged encounter with Taylor. Relatives said that the child has been receiving medical treatment since the attack.

The white man was booked at 10 p. m. Friday.

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Maid attacked during storm in Virginia

Hyo-Americor
Baltimore, Md.
Sat. 1-21-56

WASHINGTON

The shapely 28-year-old maid was standing at a bus stop in Wheaton, Md., Monday during the freezing rain storm when Charles E. Onley, 22, 6500 block of M St., NW; and Roscoe E. Simms, 22, 200 block of 55th St., NE., drove by about 5:30 p.m., according to police.

The men asked if they could give her a lift. The woman had been waiting an hour for the slow bus in the heavy traffic and nasty weather. So she got in the car. She told the accommodating young men to take her home in upper northwest Washington.

After getting well into the District, the young woman said she gave the two men $1.50 to show her appreciation. But the driver and his companion had other ideas. They wanted more pay for their troubles, the maid said.

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WITH THE now cold and frightened woman bundled tightly between them the driver is reported to have continued on through the city's icy streets to Arlington, Va., there she tried to jump out near Four Mile Run, but they grabbed and held her.

Near an abandoned brickyard, the captive passenger said the two men criminally assaulted her. During the attack, she said they struck her in the face and body. Then one of them pushed her out of the car, she reported.

The victim went directly to police with her story. They had her treated at Arlington County Hospital for bruises and assault, she remembered part of the car's license number and hearing one of the men called Simms. District police traced the car.

Montgomery Jury Gets Rape Case

Post & Times Herald
P. 3 Dues. 5-27-56
Washington, D.C.

William Clyde Gilley, Wheaton garage proprietor charged with the rape of a 36-year-old Government secretary, went on trial yesterday in Montgomery County Circuit Court at Rockville.

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The case went to the all-male jury at 4:55 p. m.

The victim of the alleged attack testified that she met Gilley last March 25 to inspect an automobile he wanted to sell her. After looking at the car at Gilley's garage in Wheaton, she said, he offered to give her a driving lesson.

During the drive, she said, Gilley parked on a secluded rural road and made advances toward her. She repulsed him, she said, and they returned to the garage where the attack took place.

Gilley admitted being intimate with the woman but denied using any force.

Assaulted by Six, Widow Tells Police

Post & Times Herald P. 42
Sat. 6-9-56

A 26-year-old widow told police she was raped near Fort Foote, Md., early yesterday by each of six men who forced her into their car in Southeast Washington.

Washington, D.C.

The attractive brunette, a Navy stenographer and mother of one child, said she was pulled into the car by two men in the 2700 block of Nichols ave. se. shortly after 11 p. m., according to Prince Georges Det. Sergt. Richard A. Pearson.

She said they picked up four more men, all in their late teens or early 20s, and drove into nearby Maryland.

At one point they stopped beside a house in Prince Georges County, the woman said. She ran to the house screaming for help.

A man and woman came to the door, she told police. The woman in the house was quoted as telling her:

"I can't help you. One of them is my brother." She was then forced back into the auto, she told police.

Her captors parked in what police believe to be the Fort Foote area and each forced the woman to submit, she said.

She finally escaped at a gas station and called police when the men stopped on their way back into the District.

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Boy, 13, Held for Attacks on 7 Women

Detroit News
June 10-9-56
Detroit, Mich.

BATTLE CREEK, Oct. 9. — A 13-year-old boy, seized after a pursuit in which two shots were fired, has confessed attempting to assault seven women here since July.

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A hearing will be held in Probate Court to determine whether juvenile court jurisdiction shall be waived so he can be prosecuted as an adult. He is in the eighth grade at school.

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The boy was captured following an attempt to drag a woman into the shadows of the Federal Civil Defense Administration headquarters. The woman broke away from him and fled to a fire station across the street.

Firemen, who had caught a glimpse of the attempted assailant, saw him a short time later on the street and pointed him out to police. He ran when the officers approached, ignoring two warning shots, but was overtaken.

Detective Robert Stewart said he admitted the seven attempted attacks.

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White Man Held For Rape Of Negro Child

Philadelphia, Miss., Oct. 30.—(Special)—A 47-year-old Neshoba county white man has been bound over to the grand jury on charges of criminally assaulting a five-year old Negro girl.

Bond for the defendant, H. M. Hall, was fixed at $5,000 by Justice of the Peace Preston Collins after a lengthy preliminary hearing Monday afternoon.

At the conclusion of the hearing, Hall, a machinist, said "I am as innocent as anyone could be."

During testimony of the state's four witnesses, it was stated that the rape of the five-year-old victim occurred late on the afternoon of October 14 at her home on the eastern outskirts of Philadelphia.

Say White Man Raped Miss Tot

PHILADELPHIA, Miss. — H. M. Hall, a 47-year-old white Neshoba County machinist, has been charged with raping a five-year-old Negro girl, Oct. 14.

He was set free under $5,000 bond last week pending action by the February circuit grand jury.

Dr. J. M. Bloant, Philadelphia physician, said he found positive evidence the child was raped.

Justice of the Peace Preston Collins denied defense motions for dismissal of the charges.

Negro Whistles At White, Exiled

TUPELO, Miss., Oct. 9 (AP).—A Negro man prepared to leave town under court order today for whistling at a white woman.

James Darden, thirty, was sentenced to thirty days in jail and fined $100 for whistling at a pretty young high school music teacher. Later he was told he could leave town instead.

Darden, arrested a week ago after the woman complained to police, was charged with vagrancy originally. The charge later was changed to conduct calculated to cause a breach of the peace. Judge Charles Hutchinson passed sentence after Darden admitted the offense but suspended the sentence on condition that he leave Tupelo by by midnight tonight.

YOUNG WOMAN HERE BITTERLY DENIES STATEMENT IN RAPE CASE

A comely young Negro mother, Mrs. Hertecene Fowler, of 1720 Congo street, here most bitterly Monday as she emphatically denied a statement in the "Negro Activities Column" of the Jackson Daily News, last Thursday published under the by-line of James Rundle, well known WOKJ newscaster, which said that she had "voluntarily" submitted to her white employer whom she charged with rape last week.

The young woman said that the only statement she made was to the police during which she stated that she made no efforts to resist the man after he had twisted her arm and threatened her. She said the reason she did not try to resist the man after he started trying to force her was because she had seen a television program on sex crimes which warned women when and if an attempt is made to rape them not to resist, and thereby endanger their life unless they konw some ju jitsu wrestling tricks.

According to her statement although the man had consummated the act the police said they could not charge him with rape because her body and face, and that of the man bore no signs of physical struggle.

At first afraid to give the man's name because he had threatened to kill her if she did, while she was bitterly denying the statement in the Rundle column she identified him as a Mr. Whitehead, who lives on Broad Street at a residence where she had been working only two days when the man raped her.

The story of the incident has aroused the local Negro community which appears to be cringing behind an ever darkening curtain of fear and resentment seen as never before separating the white and Negro citizens.

There were reports this week that while the young woman hid out among friends for fear of her life the Parent Teachers Association was preparing to make efforts to have the case presented to the Hinds County Grand Jury.

Southern Cops Snub Rape Case

JACKSON, Miss. — A young mother here has charged her employer of two days with criminally attacking her and the police with refusing to either arrest him or charge him with the crime.

The victim, Mrs. Hertecene Flower of 1720 Congo st., says she was raped last Saturday by her employer, Ed Whitehead of Broad st.

The young mother says that when she went to work in the prominent white neighborhood last Saturday morning, all of the occupants of the house were gone except Whitehead.

She explained that he told her he had sent his wife to the hospital and the children to the country so that he could do what he wanted to do to her.

He then grabbed her, she stated and twisted her arms, threatened to kill her and threw her onto the bed where he raped her.

CALLS POLICE

Following this she ran out of the house, went home and called the police. She also called William Bailey, Negro reporter for one of the white daily papers who interviewed her regarding the charges.

However, the state newspapers shunned the story.

MOTHER, 41, RAPED; 15-YEAR-OLD HELD

LUCEDALE, Miss., Feb. 15 (AP)—A 41-year-old mother of four was raped in her home in the nearby Bexley community early Wednesday.

Sheriff Charles A. Holland said a 15-year-old boy was arrested on the roof of her home shortly afterward and was charged with rape.

The woman told officers she heard a noise in the front of her house about 4 a. m., thought it was one of her children and went to investigate.

She said the youth attacked her.

One of her children was awakened by her screams and ran to a neighbor's home, from where officers were called.

AUTHORITIES LAUDED BY NAACP FOR ACTION

Commends Arrest Of Men Who Attacked Negro Girl

JACKSON, Miss., May 15. (UP)—The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People Tuesday commended south Mississippi authorities for their action in arresting three white men charged with raping a 16-year-old Negro girl.

"The NAACP applauds the splendid action taken by law enforcement agencies of Pike and Walthall counties in their spontaneous apprehension of the four white men who participated in the criminal assault on the 16-year-old Negro girl Sunday," the state NAACP office said in a statement.

"The NAACP goes further, however, in believing that justice is not done merely by bringing the men before its bars, but rather by giving justice to the offenders as prescribed by law."

Earlier, members of the White Citizens' Council of McComb pledged support to officers in bringing the defendants to justice.

Pike County authorities held Olen Duncan, 21, and Duroe Duncan, 20, cousins from the Salem community near McComb and Ernest Dillon, 29, of McComb on charges of rape and kidnaping. Officers said all three signed confessions.

A fourth man, Ollie Dillon, 44 of Tylertown, was held on a charge of kidnaping. A preliminary hearing is expected next week after the victim is released from the hospital.

Pike County Sheriff Bill Andrews said the men took the young girl from her home near Magnolia Sunday and attacked her in a swamp.

KIDNAPING, RAPE CHARGED TO TRIO

Fourth Man Held on Abduction Count

MAGNOLIA, Miss., May 14 (AP)—Four white men were charged Monday with kidnaping a 16-year-old Negro girl and taking her to a remote section of a swamp on the Mississippi-Louisiana line where three of them raped her.

The story unfolded Monday after the arrest of Ernest Dillon, 29, of McComb; Olen Duncan, 21, and Duroa Duncan, a cousin, both of Tylertown. All three were formally charged with kidnaping and rape. The fourth man, Ollie Dillon, 44, of Tylertown, a brother of Ernest, was charged with kidnaping.

The men are accused of driving to the tenant house of a Negro woman and forcibly taking her 16-year-old daughter into a swamp, the Bogue Chitto River bottom, where three of them allegedly raped her at gunpoint.

Statements Signed

Sheriff Bill Andrews said three of them have signed statements regarding the crime.

The girl was unknown to any of the men, authorities said.

The men had been together Saturday night and decided "to look for some women," officers said. They drove to the house of a Negro man and asked him where they could find a Negro girl.

Kicked in Door

Officers said the frightened Negro pointed to a house where a woman and her 16-year-old daughter lived as tenants. They forced the Negro man to accompany them to the house and ordered him to kick in the door. He refused and the men kicked in the door themselves and took the girl in the car with them.

The girl said three of them attacked her in the swamp. Meanwhile the Negro mother notified Sheriff James May of Walthall County who aroused a deputy at 5:30 a.m. and together they drove to a spot where the Bogue Chitto River crosses Highway 98. Walthall County officers joined by Sheriff Bill Andrews of Pike County, McComb, and deputies organized a search.

While the search was being organized, the girl, in the swamp, managed to get hold of the shotgun and hit one of the men over the head and fled. She found four Negro men fishing and they brought her out to where officers were gathered on the highway.

Dist. Atty. Mike Carr of Brookhaven and County Attorney Joe Piggott helped in the investigation.

Mental Exam Set For Man Accused Of Raping Negro

MAGNOLIA, Miss., Oct. 10 (AP)—Circuit Judge Tom P. Brady today continued to Oct. 19, the cases against four white men accused of abusing a teen-age Negro girl so that one of them can be given a mental examination.

Ernest Dillon, 29, McComb, will be taken to the state mental hospital at Whitfield for examination by specialists there.

Dillon, indicted on charges of kidnap and rape, attempted suicide last month in the Pike County jail here, where all four men had been held without bond since the May 13 incident.

Attorneys for the other three men, all of whom have pleaded innocent, claimed Dillon's testimony was essential to their cases and asked the continuance until it is determined whether he can testify. The other defendants are Ollie Dillon, 44, Tylertown, who was indicted only on kidnap charges; and Buroa Duncan, 21, and Olen Duncan, cousins from Tylertown, indicted on both kidnap and rape charges.

JURY WILL WEIGH NEGRO GIRL ATTACK

4 White Men Are Charged With Offense

MAGNOLIA, Miss., Sept. 4.—(AP)—A Grand Jury will be empaneled Oct. 1 to consider the case of four white men charged with kidnaping and raping a Negro girl.

The men are Ernest H. Dillon, 29, Pike County; his brother, Ollie 'Monk' Dillon, 44, Tylertown; and two cousins, Olen Duncan, 21, Tylertown, and Doroa Duncan, 21, Tylertown.

The four were jailed May 13, a few hours after the alleged incident. The girl said she was taken from the house where she and her mother lived in Walthall County and into Pike County, where she said Ernest Dillon, Olen Duncan and Duora Duncan attacked her.

At a preliminary hearing two weeks later before Judge Hansford L. Simmons of Pike County Court, the four were ordered held in jail in Magnolia without bond until the Grand Jury met.

Should the four be indicted, they are expected to face trial before Judge Tom P. Brady, author of "Black Monday."

The book, whose title refers to the day of the United States Supreme Court ruling against segregation in public schools, expresses the judge's militant stand against integration.

Set Trial Date For Four Men Charged With Raping Negro Girl

Judge Tom P. Brady To Hear Case

Magnolia, Miss. Sept. 3.—(Special)—The trial of four Pike County white men, charged with the rape of a 16-year-old Negro girl, who have been held in jail without bond since the May 13th incident, will be held on Monday, October 1st, with Judge Tom P. Brady, author of "Black Monday," the book indicting the U. S. Supreme Court for its decision in the school segregation case, presiding during the trial.

A 20-man grand jury, all white, which will be empanelled on Oct. 1st will probably be faced with the immediate task of considering the charges against the four white men, who are listed as Ernest H. Dillon, his brother, Ollie Dillon, and their two cousins, Olen Duncan and Durea Duncan.

According to reports the four men were jailed a few hours after they kidnapped the 16-year-old Negro girl from her home near Walker's Bridge in Walthall County and took her across the Bogue Chitto River into Pike County where she was forced into sexual relations with all four men.

At a preliminary hearing two weeks later, presided over by Judge Hansford L. Simmons of Pike County, all four men were ordered held in jail at Magnolia without bond to await action of the grand jury. They have remained in jail since the preliminary hearing but have been permitted to have a host of visitors, mostly relatives.

With the trial date approaching, so far as was known by officers, none of the men have obtained the services of a lawyer to represent them when the case comes to trial.

White Man Charged With Raping Negro

PHILADELPHIA, Miss., Oct. 30 (AP)—A 47-year-old white man who protested "I am as innocent as anyone could be" has been charged here with criminally assaulting a five-year-old Negro girl Oct. 14.

H. M. Hall, a Neshoba County machinist, was freed under $5,000 bond yesterday pending action by the February Circuit Court grand jury.

Dr. J. M. Blount, Philadelphia physician, said he found positive evidence the child was raped. Officers said Hall went to the victim's home on the outskirts of Philadelphia on the pretense of reading the light meter.

TWO ARE BOUND OVER IN ASSAULT ATTEMPT

Accused Of Trying To Attack Tupelo Waitress

From The Commercial Appeal Tupelo, Miss., Bureau

TUPELO, Miss., Oct. 5.—Two Lee Countians charged with attempted rape of a Tupelo waitress were bound over for action of the Lee County Grand Jury Friday.

R. Marlin Reese, justice of peace of the Third District, freed the men on $2,000 bond each.

Charged with attempted rape of the white waitress earlier this week were J. W. Riley and Max Keith.

Testimony from the waitress was held in secret session, when Mr. Reese said he was closing the doors to avoid further embarrassment to the waitress.

She testified the two men tried to assault her and then took her money, estimated at about $70.

Mr. Reese said the waitress said the two men took her from the car in which she was riding with her boy friend and drove her out in the country.

They tore her clothes and jacket, she testified.

Suspect and Two Cousins Awaiting Grand Jury Action

Accused Kidnap-Rapist Attempts Suicide in Jail

MAGNOLIA, Miss.—Ernest Dillon, 26-year-old Pike County white man charged with kidnaping and raping a 16-year-old Negro girl last May, attempted suicide in his jail cell here, Sheriff A. E. Andrews said Jailer Fleet O'Quinn found Dillon bleeding from razor cuts on both wrists and forearms. He was treated at a hospital and returned to jail.

Dillon and his two cousins, Olen and Durea Duncan, Tylertown, Miss., were charged with kidnaping the girl from her rural home and raping her. Dillon's brother, Ollie, 44, was charged with kidnaping.

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EX-CONVICT IS JAILED IN ATTACK ON WOMAN

Mississippi Man Accused By Memphis Housewife

Special to The Commercial Appeal

GRENADA, Miss., July 27.—A 40-year-old ex-convict was arrested Friday on charges of raping a 40-year-old Memphis housewife late Saturday night and Sunday.

Sheriff Tom King of Grenada County said Cecil Mullen of Tallahatchie County, a dragline operator and ex-convict, was arrested after the Memphis woman signed an affidavit in Charleston, Miss., charging Mullen with the crime. He is in jail at Charleston.

Sheriff King said, "The woman came to my house Sunday morning about 4 o'clock accompanied by Grenada police, and asked for some of my wife's clothes. She said her clothes had been torn off of her by Cecil Mullen.

She said she and her husband had been to their farm east of Tie Plant and were returning to their home in Memphis when she and her husband became involved in some kind of disagreement.

She was waiting for a bus on Highway 51 at the Grenada County line when Mullen came along and asked if he could help her by taking her to Oakland to the bus depot.

"In place of taking her to Oakland, he went out in Tallahatchie County and raped her four times between 3 o'clock Saturday afternoon and 3 o'clock Sunday morning. She said she escaped when Mullen went to a rest room, then caught a ride into Grenada where she contacted officers.

"From my house, she was accompanied to the Grenada Hospital where she remained until Monday, when she was able to return home in Memphis.

In the meantime Monday, she was accompanied to Tallahatchie County by Deputy Sheriff Jack Shipp where she pointed out the places where the alleged attacks occurred. Some of her clothing was found at one of the places. The woman's features showed she had been badly abused.

"I immediately contacted Sheriff Harry H. Dogan at Charleston and gave him this information. Meanwhile, I contacted her and advised her to go to Charleston and prefer charges against Mullen. She did so and Mullen was placed in the Charleston jail to await the action of the Grand Jury.

"My information is that Mullen has completed three penitentiary sentences. The most recent one was only a few months ago for a term of seven years."

Negro Maid Charges Employe With Rape

White Man Jailed Here Monday

A Jackson white man was lodged in Hinds County jail Monday after a 20-year-old Negro woman charged he criminally assaulted her while she was working as a maid at his home.

Hinds County Sheriff Alba Jones said the man, whose name was given as [illegible], was arrested around 3 p.m. Monday by Deputy Raymond Bonner in downtown Jackson, and the man, whom the sheriff did not identify, admitted intimacy but claimed the girl gave consent.

The Negro woman said that she was on a downtown street corner Monday morning when the man drove up and asked her to work for him at his home south of Jackson. She agreed to work, and said, in her statement, that he propositioned her, she refused and he then criminally assaulted her in his bedroom.

The woman signed the affidavit charging criminal assault in Judge J. B. Bell's office Monday, and she said the assault occurred somewhere around 11 o'clock" Monday.

The arrested man denied the criminal assault when confronted with the Negro's accusation Monday afternoon. He will be held in Hinds county jail until a preliminary hearing can be set, and until investigation is complete.

Deputy Bonner said the man was married and the father of a small child.

KIDNAP CASE DELAYED

To Be Tried In March On Negro Girl's Charge

MAGNOLIA, Miss., Oct. 19.—(UP)—Circuit Judge Tom Brady Friday postponed until March the trials of four white men charged with the kidnap-rape of a Negro teenager.

Ernest Dillon, 29, charged as the ringleader in the case, is undergoing sanity tests at the state Mental Hospital at Whitfield.

Judge Brady granted Olen Duncan, Duroe Duncan and Ollie Dillon their requests to continue their cases until the March term of court because Ernest Dillon is a vital witness.

At Whitfield, State Supt. Dr. W. L. Jaquith said the examination would require from three to six weeks.

Ernest Dillon and the Duncan brothers are charged with both rape and kidnaping. Ollie Dillon is charged with kndnaping the young girl from her farm home last May.

Maybe He Is Crazy!

MAGNOLIA, Miss.—Circuit Court Judge Tom P. Brady noted [illegible] examination ordered a mental examination for Ernest Dillon, 29-year-old white man charged with kidnapping and raping a 16-year old Negro girl last May. The judge postponed until Oct. 19 the cases against Dillon and his three white companions similarly charged.

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GUARDS PROTECTING MINISTER'S GIRL, 12

Attacker Could Be Present At Convention

KANSAS CITY, Mo., May 31—(UP)—The 12-year-old daughter of an Alabama Baptist minister who was assaulted during the Southern Baptist Convention was assigned a protective team of detectives by Kansas City police Wednesday.

The girl, who was not identified, was lured into a side room of the huge Municipal Auditorium Tuesday night and attacked by a white man who threatened to kill her if she screamed.

Two men with records of sex offenses were arrested Wednesday but released when the girl could not identify them. Homicide detectives said the girl also was shown pictures of other known offenders but could not identify any of them.

Officers said this led them to believe the attacker, who was described as about 30, could also be from out of town and attending the convention.

While the girl was being attacked, police said, an older sister was walking through the crowded auditorium looking for her.

Hate Leader Still Facing Morals Rap

ST. LOUIS—Charges of child molestation against racist John W. Hamilton were nolle prossed here last Friday in Police Court, but the 37-year-old peddler of hate, yet faces charges of sodomy.

Hamilton was arrested on the morals charge after police took a statement from a 15-year-old youth that he spent several hours with Hamilton in a slum area hotel room here.

The nolle prossed procedure on the molestation charge was expected by court attaches, who point out that such is customary in cases where a greater charge in connection, therewith, is pending.

AT THE "White Sentinel" headquarters, 3154 South Grand Ave., which is also the address of the pro-segregation National Citizens Protective Association, blinds were drawn and the doors were locked this week.

A spokesman for the association said earlier, that Hamilton was resigning from the editorship of the Sentinel until after the case is over.

Among the groups which have come under attack by the "Sentinel" have been the Urban League, the NAACP, the Supreme Court and the Anti-Defamation League.

gave him (the boy) some beer and then later purchased a fifth of wine.

According to the police report, the two registered at the hotel where Hamilton got a third floor room for $2.00.

THE BOY SAID Hamilton offered him $10 to perform an unnatural sex act.

Hamilton denied the charge despite the fact the youth repeated it in his presence and before his parents.

For the past few months, Hamilton has been traveling in the South while pushing the nist League. The article was subsequently made into a pamphlet and distributed by the Christian Nationalist Crusade of rabble rouser Smith, of whom Hamilton was a lieutenant.

Hamilton broke with the Smith "crusade" in June, 1951. In July of the same year, he set up the Citizens Protective Association which later substituted "National" for the "Citizens," in the title.

The Sentinel spearheaded a drive in recent months on the Community Chest because of the Urban League affiliation. This was unsuccessful. In the front page masthead of the Sentinel is

'Sentinel' Editor Accused of Seducing Boy, 15

Sex Violation Trips White 'Supremacist'

Courier Sat. 10-27-56 P.2

Pittsburgh, Pa.

(Special to the Pittsburgh Courier)

ST. LOUIS, Mo.—John W. Hamilton, the 37-year-old advocate of white supremacy and editor of the racist "White Sentinel" hate sheet, currently spreading its venom throughout the South, has been charged here in a morals case involving a 15-year-old boy.

Warrants were issued Monday against Hamilton charging him with suspicion of sodomy, child molestation and contributing to the delinquency of a minor.

Hamilton gave his address at 3154a S. Grand Ave., headquarters of the anti-Negro, anti-Jewish Citizens Protective Association and home of the Sentinel.

EDITORIAL NOTE: The Pittsburgh Courier is printing this story in the hope that its readership will get an idea of the type of "leaders" who are behind many of the hate movements in the United States.

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He was arrested on Saturday morning after police questioned the boy found loitering near the Grand Ave. establishment.

THE YOUTH told police he was waiting to collect $8 of the $10 promised him by Hamilton for spending the night with the editor in one of the cheap hotels in the "Bowery" district of St. Louis.

The boy told police that Hamilton accosted him on the street about 10:30 P. M. and offered to buy him, first a beer, then a soft drink.

He said the racist accompanied him to a tavern where he

sale of the Sentinel. The Sentinel's pages are filled with the segregationists' theme of "racial purity." The association follows much the same line as the White Citizens' Councils of the South. Council members, it is learned, disavow any connection with Hamilton, although individual members are known to be sympathetic in some areas.

Hamilton came to St. Louis from Boston late in 1947. Prior to that, he had dabbled in local Republican politics in Boston. In his youth, he was a self-confessed party "leader" in the Young Communist League.

IN MAY, 1948, Gerald L. K. Smith's "The Cross and the Flag" carried an article by Hamilton entitled, "I Was Branded With Number 666."

The article detailed Hamilton's experiences in the Young Commu-

this slogan: "Racial Integrity—Not Amalgamation." In one of the "ears" on the Sentinel are these bold words: "The Truth That Should Be Printed."

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L.I. Housewife Raped In Home by Prowler

World-Telegram & Sun P.9

Special to World-Telegram and Sun.

EAST ISLIP, L. I., Feb. 17.—A 21-year-old housewife who last summer was terrorized by a prowler, yesterday was robbed and raped at gunpoint in her home here while her two-year-old daughter played in another room.

The woman told police she admitted a red-haired, well-dressed man when he appeared at the door, flashed what she took for a policeman's shield and said he was searching for a fugitive. He also told her, she said, that he had heard her husband, a laborer, had found a rifle and asked to see it.

When she took him to the bedroom closet, he produced a gun and threw her on the bed, she told police. She submitted, she said, only after he threatened to harm the child.

After the attack, she declared, the man tied her hands and feet with neckties and a bathrobe belt, gagged her and tied a pillow slip over her head. He then took $21 from her pocketbook and left.

New Albany Woman Signs Rape Warrants Against 2

Courier-Journal P 6

Wed 7-4-56

Louisville, Ky.

A 25-year-old New Albany woman yesterday signed rape warrants for William H. Harris, 27, and Franklin R. Gill, 22, both of 729 N. 31st.

The woman said she was attacked twice by Harris and once by Gill near the Kentucky & Indiana Terminal Bridge early Monday. Harris and Gill admitted having relations with the woman, but denied they raped her, police said.

Harris was arrested yesterday on the warrant. Gill was arrested Monday night on a vagrancy charge pending serving of the warrant.

The woman said she and another New Albany woman, 23, accepted Harris' offer to take them from a Louisville cafe to their homes in New Albany. Instead, she said, he drove under the K. & I. Bridge. The younger woman fled.

After attacking her, Harris met Gill near the bridge. Both of the men then attacked her in an abandoned trailer, police said she told them.

2 Held in Rape Of Girl, 18

Herald Tribune P. 6-2-56

Two Queens men were held in bail of $6,000 each yesterday by Magistrate Thomas Fitzpatrick in Queens Felony Court for a hearing June 6 on a charge of raping an eighteen-year-old girl Thursday night.

The suspects, Thomas Flanga, nineteen, of 87-80 Parsons Boulevard, Jamaica, and William Andrews, twenty-three, of 99-09 98th St., Ozone Park, also were charged with possession of a blackjack.

Police said the pair picked up the girl at 10:30 p. m. at Union Turnpike and 164th St. Jamaica, and drove to a deserted spot in Broad Channel, Queens, where both raped her. They then drove her back to Jamaica and put her out a few blocks from her home. She told her parents, who called police. The two suspects were traced through her descriptions and arrested at 4:30 a. m. in their homes.

Body of Girl, 3, Found; Raped, Hurled 6 Floors

Herald Tribune P. 7

New York

A thre-year-old girl was found dead early yesterday in an areaway near her home at 147 W. 90th St. after, police said, she had been kidnaped, raped and thrown from the roof of a six-story tenement.

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Police immediately took the child's mother, Mrs. Josephine Mirandi Ribot, twenty-two, to the W. 100th St. station for questioning, along with Herminio Lugo, twenty-one, who had been living at her apartment. Mrs. Ribot was separated from her husband about a year ago.

A second man, Diego Lugo, twenty-four, brother of Herminio, who lives at 42 W. 93d St., appeared at the Ribot apartment at 1:30 p. m., protesting the presence of police. Police said his denim work pants were soaked with blood, and that his body was covered with fresh, small cuts and old scars iflicted by razor blades. He was taken to the station house and his clothes were subjected to chemical examination.

Found by Neighbor

The nude body of Jeanette Ribot was found in the areaway betwen a six-story tenement at 135 W. 90th St., and the Roman Catholic Convent of St. Sylvia of the Church of St. Gregory, at 133 W. 90th St.

Mrs. Alice Maleshenko, a tenant in the building at 135 W. 90th St., discovered the child's body at 5:25 A. M. and ran to the street to tell passers-by, who notified police.

The child's underclothing was found on the roof of 137 W. 90th St. and blood stains were found on the front steps and roof of the adjacent tenement at 135 W. 90th St.

Near Open Window

Mrs. Ribot told police she last saw her daughter at 2 A. M., when the child lay asleep in her crib in the kitchen of the mother's two-room top-floor apartment.

Mrs. Ribot said that she and Herminio Lugo went to sleep in the kitchen shortly after midnight. She said she got up at 2 A. M. to make some coffee for Mr. Lugo, and noticed that the child lay asleep in her crib near the kitchen window. The window was open a few inches at top and bottom, the mother told police.

Detectives said it appeared that the kidnaper carried the girl out the kitchen windcw to the fire escape, then up to the roof and across the roofs of adjoining buildings. All the buildings in the row are six-story tenements.

Man Seized As Attacker Of Girl, 13

Herald Tribune New York

Sun. 7-29-56

Police Say He Admits 9 Rapes

By Robert A. Poteete

A twenty-three-year-old beltmaker, captured early yesterday after a man had attempted to rape a thirteen-year-old girl in her bedroom, admitted he had raped and robbed nine women on the East Side in the last three months, police charged.

Police identified him as Louis Miranda Matos, of 240 S. Ninth St., Brooklyn. They quoted him as saying he used part of the loot to send his wife and their seven-months-old child on a trip to Puerto Rico.

Neighborhood Aroused

Yesterday's victime, whose name is withheld, aroused the neighborhood with her screams at 2:25 a. m. while she struggled with her assailant in her bedroom at 304 E. 71st St.

Her parents joined the cry and in a short time, while the attacker fled by the fire escape on which he had entered, there was a commotion in the neighborhood.

Police took the child's description of the intruder—a short, dark man with dark curly hair, dressed in dark clothing—and relayed it to Police Headquarters.

Special Squads

Headquarters radioed the description to a squad of detectives and radio policemen who had been assigned to night work in the area because of the many rape cases there. A special week-end assignment had been made because most of the attacks had occurred on Friday, Saturday and Sunday nights.

At 3 a. m., two policemen in a radio car—Sgt. Joseph Reilly and Patrolman Mendel Kipper—spotted Matos at 84th St. and First Ave. When their car stopped, aMtos fled, running south on First Ave. Patrolman Kipper pursued him on foot, while the sergeant took the wheel ofthe car, turning it to go the wrong way on northbound First Ave.

At 82d St., Detectives Julius Brilla and John Justi joined the chase and aided in the capture.

Police said Matos admitted he had stalked an area on the East Side, between 56th and 82d Sts. His method, they said, was to get onto a roof and descend the fire escape looking for a woman in a bedroom. He would wait for the woman to go to bed before entering the apartment, they said, then use a knife or a gun to silence her while he robbed and raped her. When arrested he had a loaded .32 caliber revolver in one pocket.

Police said Matos told them he had served time in prison in Puerto Rica for killng a man.

Herald Tribune—Noble

CAPTURED—Louis Miranda Matos, twenty-three, seized yesterday on rape and robbery charges.

L.I. Father Held In Rape Attempt

World-Telegram & Sun P. 3

Special to World-Telegram and Sun.

BABYLON, L. I., July 12.—Charles E. Kamps, 36, an insurance broker and father of two children, was in jail today as the man who terrorized and tried to rape a 19-year-old North Lindenhurst housewife.

Kamps was arrested yesterday after the woman picked his picture out of the "rogue's gallery" at Nassau County police headquarters in Mineola and made a personal identification at a lineup. The aleged assault occured Monday after Kamps supposedly gained admission by posing as a plumbing inspector. His picture was on file because of an arrest last year for unlawful entry. Kamps lives at 1863 Cole Dr.

RAPED AND SLAIN—A snapshot of three-year-old Jeanette Ribot at play.

Associated Press

The areaway at 135 W. 90th St., where the child was hurled to death.

State Student Is Bound Over On Charge of Raping Teacher

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Sun. 6-11-56

By VALERIE NICHOLSON.

CARTHAGE, June 9—Probable cause was found today against James Key, 23, of Robbins, a State College junior, on the capital charge of rape. He was placed in Moore County jail without privilege of bond to await grand jury action at the August criminal term.

Key, a civil engineering major and former Marine, has been in jail since his arrest May 27 at his home on a warrant sworn out by Herbert Robinson of Biscoe, father of Martha Sue Robinson, 22, a third grade teacher in the Biscoe School.

The hearing before Special Judge W. A. Richard McKeithan of Pinehurst had been twice postponed because of the inability of the girl to appear. She entered Montgomery Memorial Hospital June 1 and was released Thursday.

A large crowd of citizens of Biscoe and Robbins attended the hearing in the county courtroom and their faces showed that to them this a serious matter. Both the young people stand highly in their respective communities.

Miss Robinson, a slim blond neatly dressed in blue, took the stand to tell her story in a straight-forward manner. Her composure broke only slightly once or twice under cross-examination.

Describes Dates.

She said she had attended Woman's College at Greensboro for two years and one summer term and during the past year had been teaching at Biscoe and working Saturday at the family shop there.

She had known the defendant since high school days, when he played American Legion ball at Biscoe, and had dated him three times. The first time, she had gone to a movie with him at Southern Pines in 1954. Last month she was his guest at a Sigma Chi Fraternity dance at State College and finally dated him on Saturday night, when he again invited her to the movies.

She said on the occasion of the fraternity dance, she was "shocked" to find he expected her to stay at a motel near Raleigh and refused to stay there, going instead to the home of an aunt at Cary. She later wrote him to express her feelings and a letter from Key, containing his apology, was shown to Judge McKeithen who commented on it but did not read it aloud.

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Sheriff Notified.

On the night of May 26, Miss Robinson said, they reached the movie at Southern Pines too late for the show and when he drove back she thought he was taking her back to Biscoe. Instead, they wound up parked on the edge of some woods near Robbins and she said he raped her on the back seat of the car, despite her resistance and pleading.

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She said she was made sick by fear and pain, and was frightened by his threats.

She declared she told her mother as soon as she got home and that her mother immediately called the sheriff.

Character witnesses for Miss Robinson included Sheriff D. F. Holder of Montgomery County, the Rev. Mr. Hix, Baptist pastor of Biscoe, Mrs. Robert McLeod, elementary supervisor of Montgomery Schools, Mrs. Emma Collins, another Biscoe teacher, John Mostello, proprietor of the family shop, and David Williams, Biscoe, who had dated the girl.

Harland Garriss of Troy acted for the prosecution, assisting District Solicitor M. H. Boyette.

Defense Counsel H. F. Seawell Jr. and W. D. Sabiston presented no testimony and did not place their client on the stand, referring only to the fact that his character could be shown as "equally high" in his community, and—indicating they meant to show a measure of compliance on the girl's part—sought to have bond set for him.

"If I would, I couldn't set bond, under the law," Judge McKeithan said. "The young lady has said she resisted as hard as she could."

Affidavits from two examining physicians had been handed him, and, without reading them aloud, he referred to them in saying, "One of these doctors reports he found her bruised about her arms, neck and shoulders and that doesn't look like compliance to me. Also, one gives his finding that violent intercourse had taken place."

Seawell commented that "when the defendant wished a doctor of his choice to examine her, she refused."

Stunned Expression.

During the entire hearing the defendant, a tall, handsome youth with light brown wavy hair, kept his eyes solemnly fixed on the girl with a stunned expression. While not appearing to avoid his glance, she resolutely did not look his way.

Both young people are athletes and it was brought out that Miss Robinson was a star basketball player at Biscoe High and also played the game at Woman's College.

Key was arrested the day before his examinations for the final term at State College were to begin, and had to miss them all.

Man Accused of Raping Deaf Mute, 13

News + Observer
GREENVILLE, June 18 — At a preliminary hearing before Justice of Peace Luther Moore this afternoon, Milton Anderson, a sailor stationed at Fort Story, Va., was committed to Pitt County jail for subsequent trial in the Pitt County Superior Court on a charge of raping a 13-year-old girl of Greenville, who is a deaf mute.

Anderson, a 22-year-old serviceman of Greenville, was arrested and charged with the crime early Sunday morning on a warrant sworn out by the girl's mother on "information and belief."

The mother said that her daughter told her that the incident occurred near Bethel.

Moore stated this afternoon that probable cause was found on the evidence given at the hearing. He stated that Anderson will probably be tried at a criminal term of court beginning here next week.

The girl's name was not released for publication since she is a minor.

Landreth was charged in three separate warrants with "taking indecent liberties with children."

The alleged acts occurred at the municipal swimming pool park on Saturday. Sgt. J. M. Mason who headed the investigation said today.

Mason gave the account: Landreth started a conversation with the two girls near the park concession stand. He gave them a dime each and invited them to the park area to play. While in the park, Landreth played "piggy back" with the young sters and later molested them. He gave each an additional nickle. The children told their parents about the stranger when they returned home. The parents called the police. Sanford officers searched the city, Saturday night, but were u e to find anyone fitting the description given by the girls which was a medium tall man wearing chekered shirt, khaki pants and a cap.

Police notified S. Del Mastro, park supervisor of the incident. A description of the suspect was left with Del Mastro.

Shortly before 3 p.m. yesterday, Del Mastro and his assistants stopped Landreth, who fitted the description given by the police. He was offering to buy three little girls soft drinks.

After police officers picked up Landreth in the concession stand, he was taken to headquarters where he denied the accusations. Justice of the Peace George Temple issued the warrants and set bond.

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set for Monday in Benson Recorder's Court before Judge J. Ed Johnson.

But Stewart isn't under arrest yet. The warrant was forwarded to the Harnett County Sheriff's office today for serving.

Will Be Checked.

Benson police, who helped the Hinsons swear out the charge against Stewart said their story will be checked fully when they appear for the hearing on Monday.

The story which the husband and wife told together began slightly after dark on Tuesday evening.

Stewart, the husband said, came to their door and asked if they weren't looking for a better home. "We had never seen him before, but he said he knew where there was a good six-room house and would take us in a pickup to see it My brother kept the three children and we left."

The man "went a lot of roads," said Hinson until both husband and wife were suspicious. "Then he stopped the pickup. When I started to get out he pushed me, slammed the door so my wife couldn't get away and drove off. I hung to the truck but I got throwed."

Mrs. Hinson said that after driving on a ways, Stewart stopped the pickup. "He threw me down on the ground with my face down in the dirt. Then he threw me in the back of the pickup. I guess he expected I was too hurt to get out."

decided he wasn't and let them go on. Hinson didn't explain why he hadn't enlisted police help except to say that he didn't know Stewart had tried to rape his wife.

"He went to this house and there she was. I went crazy when I saw her. I got the gun and I would have shot him but he had driven off. If he comes around this house now, why it's him and me."

Hinson, 31, said he is a sheet rock worker at Fayetteville.

Pair Bound Over On Rape Charge

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Raleigh, N.C.
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GREENSBORO, Aug. 3 (AP) — Probable cause of attempted assault on a 16-year-old girl was found against two men today by Magistrate J. E. Paschal.

The two, Carl R. Maness, 26, Greensboro, and Ernest Robbins, 23, of Route 2, Brown Summit, were bound over to Guilford Superior Court and remained in Guilford County jail in default of $2,500 bond.

The pair are charged with assaulting Ruth Wells of Greensboro on the night of July 21 when they are alleged to have taken her to a spot near Brown Summit where they beat and attempted to ravish her, Paschal said testimony at the hearing indicated.

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Erwin Man Is Charged With Assaulting Woman

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By HOOVER ADAMS.

DUNN, Oct. 20—A South Erwin housewife and mother of three children today told a weird story of assault and attempted rape as she lay with a battered, bruised body and blackened eye in the dismal front room of her small home.

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Dick Stewart, a South Erwin man who lives just a few houses from George and Velma Hinson, has been charged with attempt to commit rape. A hearing has been

She said she jumped out of the truck and hid from Stewart who searched the road for her. Then she made it to the home of a friend about two miles away, she said.

Stewart, according to the Hinsons, went back and picked up the husband and told him his wife had jumped out of the car and said she was going to her sisters. Together they looked for her. Once, said Stewart, Benson police stopped them to find out if Stewart, the driver, was drunk, but

Man Accused of Molesting Chidren

News + Observer
SANFORD, June 18—A 39-year-old man, Elmer Mabe Landreth, Route 1, Goldston, was being held in Lee County jail today in lieu of $1,500 bond for preliminary hearing in county court July 3 on three morals charges involving two girls, aged 7 and 8.

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Carolina Girl, 15, Charges White Man With Rape

Journal & Guide, Norfolk, Va.
Sat. 7-14-36

Special to Journal and Guide

CLAYTON, N. C.—A white man who allegedly beat up a friend, stole his friend's car and $19, and then reportedly raped a 15-year-old colored girl in the car, is being held in Wake county jail without privilege of bond.

Worth Pennell, of Clayton, is being held on charges of raping the girl and theft of the car from Sam Brady, white, also of Clayton.

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STATE HIGHWAY patrolmen who arrested Pennell Thursday afternoon, said Pennell left home Wednesday around noon and went to the girl's home in Wendell. There, he told the girl's parents he wanted to hire their daughter to stay with his mother, a patrolman said.

The girl's mother reportedly gave her daughter permission to go along with Pennell to work at his home. The girl told officers that Pennell carried her about eight miles from her home and then turned off a road into the woods where the alleged rape occurred.

THE GIRL TOLD police that Pennell then took her back to the road and she walked the rest of the way home. She arrived about 8 p. m. Wednesday and told her parents, who then called the police.

Pennell and Brady were reportedly out riding last Friday when Pennell allegedly beat up Brady, stole his car and some $19 in cash.

Brady was left unconscious in the woods, according to police.

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Keep the Sex Crime Repeaters Off Our Streets

Inquirer 1/18/56

A disturbing feature of the growth of sex crimes in Philadelphia is the large incidence of chronic offenders picked up by the police. Of the 754 adults arrested for sex offenses in this city last year, 105 were "repeaters."

The psychotics in this category of crime, as the police well know, tend to repeat their offenses as soon as they are set free, and frequently step them up in viciousness and brutality until murder is sometimes the outcome.

Three cases may be cited from the local police records for 1955 to show the pattern.

A man arrested for assaulting two children, six and eight years old, had a record of 12 previous arrests, including three for sex offenses. He had been charged with attacking a three-year-old child but was released because a child that age cannot testify.

Another man arrested for assaulting an eight-year-old girl, has a record of five previous morals offenses for which he had been sentenced to terms ranging from 15 days to five years.

Philadelphia Pa.

A third was arrested for assaulting a 58-year-old woman, only about one month after he had been paroled for another sex crime. He had eight previous arrests for sex crimes. He has been sent to the Eastern Penitentiary for one to three years.

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Should not these past records mean something in the disposition of the cases? Should they not demonstrate that the men under arrest are sex crime repeaters and therefore require special attention? Placing them behind bars in a jail for a few months or years until they are eligible for parole and free to seek more victims on our streets is certainly no way to protect our people.

The courts are armed with authority, under the Barr-Walker Act, to sentence sex offenders to indefinite terms that may stretch to life. The accused would be given psychiatric examinations periodically to determine his fitness to return to outside life and, meanwhile, would be confined in an institution.

The police should not have to run down known repeaters and chronic sex offenders every time a particularly vicious crime is committed. These people are sick. They are dangerous. They should not be at large.

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AIRMAN IS CONVICTED FOR TEACHER ATTACK

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Jury Fixes Punishment Of Gilliland At Life For Criminal Assault

By BOB MARKS

A Criminal Court jury, after 80 minutes' deliberation yesterday, found Airman Robert Q. Gilliland, 29, guilty of raping a 42-year-old city school teacher on April 22.

Commercial Appeal

Gilliland's punishment was fixed by the jurors at life in the penitentiary, which is equivalent to 25 years under Tennessee law. A prisoner under life sentence is eligible for parole after serving 13 years and six months.

To Hear Trial Motion

Judge Perry Sellers set Dec. 7 to hear motion for a new trial at the request of Gilliland's attorneys, L. E. Gwinn of Memphis and Cecil D. Franklin of Rockmart, Ga. Asst. Atty. Gen. Braxton Gandy represented the state.

Fri, 11-2-56

The teacher testified she accepted a ride home in Gilliland's car as she waited for a bus at Poplar and Fourth. Gilliland was driving through Memphis to his home at Rockmart on furlough from Ardmore, Okla., Air Force Base. Instead of taking her home the airman drove off Poplar Pike to a field road, just east of the old and new Poplar Pikes intersection.

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There and again on another county road, she testified, During the attacks she suffered a broken wrist, broken teeth, and was choked and beaten.

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Took License Number

The victim noted Gilliland's Georgia auto license after he drove from the last scene of assault. He was traced to the Ardmore Base and was returned here last June. Gilliland denied raping the teacher. He testified they shared a bottle of gin, then drove into the county where she willingly submitted.

Gilliland was the only defense witness.

Ga. GI Gets Life in Attack On Teacher

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Fri. 11-2-56

Atlanta Ga.

MEMPHIS, Nov. 1 (AP)—After 80 minutes deliberation, a jury today found Airman R. Q. Gilliland, 29, of Rockmart, Ga., guilty of raping a 42-year-old school teacher.

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The jurors fixed punishment at life in prison. Criminal Court Judge Perry Sellers set Dec. 7 to hear a motion for a new trial.

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The teacher testified Gilliland raped her twice in his car, knocking out three teeth and breaking her wrist when she struggled. Gilliland testified she submitted willingly and they got into a quarrel afterward.

Gilliland, stationed at the Ardmore, Okla, Air Force Base, was passing through Memphis en route to his home.

The teacher said she was waiting for a bus on a dark corner last April 22 when Gilliland stopped his car and offered her a lift. She said she accepted because she was scared.

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Marine Held in Attack on Girl

Post + Times Herald

A 20-year-old Marine from Quantico was accused yesterday of criminally assaulting a 16-year-old Michigan high school girl he picked up in a downtown restaurant.

The girl is one of 52 seniors from high schools at Reese and Port Austin, Mich., who arrived here Tuesday evening for a three-day sightseeing tour.

Arraigned before United States Commissioner Cyril S. Lawrence on a charge of carnal knowledge was Pvt. George Horan. Lawrence continued the case until today and ordered Horan held without bond.

Police said the girl was almost incoherent when she walked into the Manger Annapolis Hotel about 1:30 a. m. She was taken to District General Hospital, where doctors said they found definite evidence of assault.

Lt John L. Sullivan of the sex squad said the girl had declared she was assaulted. He said Horan told him, however, the girl had submitted willingly.

Incidental to the case, a dispute arose between Metropolitan Police and the office of United States Marshal Carlton G. Beall over the custody of Horan. Sullivan said Beall refused to turn Horan over to police for photographing, fingerprinting or questioning at police headquarters.

District Court Judge David G. Pine was asked to sign a court order requiring Beall to take such action—normal in the past—but Pine refused to do so, saying he doubted he had the authority.

Sullivan said he understood the refusal was due to an "order from higher up" and based on procedural problems arising as the result of the recent overturning of the murder conviction of Clarence Watson. Beall could not be reached for comment.

The girl who was attacked was one of five who got the permission of a chaperone, Eva J. Hill, 42, to go to the California Kitchen restaurant near the hotel. The five girls met five Marines and went for a ride.

A 1 a. m. bed check at the hotel disclosed that the five girls were missing.

The senior class adviser, Earl J. French, 30, found two sitting with Marines in the lobby. Then the 16-year-old arrived, and police were notified.

Ironically, the other two girls were found at police headquarters. They were there with their Marine friends, who were reporting a hit-run accident in which the other driver fled.

Girl Attacked; Marine Sought

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Wed. 5-16-56

Michigan Student, 16, Was Visiting D. C.

Washington

BULLETIN

A 20-year-old Marine was under arrest at the Quantico Marine Base today in connection with the assault of a 16-year-old high school girl in Washington. Police here are requesting a United States Commissioner's warrant charging rape. The Marine was arrested after he returned voluntarily to the Marine base this morning.

A 16-year-old high school girl visiting with her class from Reese, Mich., was criminally assaulted early today shortly after she and four companions joined five young Marines for a late date.

The girl staggered into the lobby of the Annapolis Hotel about 3 a.m., so incoherent police have not been able to learn the full story of what happened to her

Physicians at District General Hospital told Lt. John L. Sullivan of the sex squad there were body bruises and evidence of rape. Still in poor condition from bleeding, the girl remained at the hospital today.

Except to say she had drunk five beers, the girl could furnish no details. Police said there was evidence from her condition that she had been drinking.

Four Marines Cleared

All but one of the five Marines who left with the girls just an hour after they reached town and checked into the Annapolis have been questioned at police headquarters. They have been cleared and will be released.

A search now is concentrating on the fifth, missing youth, a 20-year-old Marine who like the others was temporarily stationed at Quantico.

A check at Quantico this morning informed police that the youth had not returned to the base by the 6 a.m. deadline he and his companions were scheduled to meet.

Lt. Sullivan gave this account of the case:

The senior class of Reese High School, 20 girls and 16 boys, arrived yesterday by bus for the school's annual spring visit to Washington.

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Shortly before 10 p.m. five of the girls went across the street from the Annapolis to the California Kitchen at Twelfth and H streets N.W. to get sandwiches

There they met the five Marines, ranging in age from 19 to 21 years, and agreed to take a ride. All loaded into a gray 1948 club coupe bearing Pennsylvania tags.

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The five couples went to the Harmony House at 219 Second street N.E. and sat in booths for a while. Later some of the couples left. The girl who was assaulted and the Marine were last seen by some of the others about 1:30 a.m. at Second street and Massachusetts avenue N.W.

Two Return to Hotel

Two of the couples went to a White Tower restaurant near the hotel and had coffee. About 2 a.m. the two girls returned to the hotel while the two Marines waited at the restaurant to rejoin their service comrades.

When the girls staggered into the hotel an hour later, the house detective summoned police. A check with Mrs. Eva J. Hill, one of the Michigan group's chaperons, revealed that two girls had not returned to the hotel.

Then the two Marines at the White Tower, noticing the arrival of police, went to the hotel and explained that two couples were still out with the car. A radio lookout was flashed and a police cruiser found the car and the two couples in the 600 block of A street N.E.

The examination of the assaulted girl at the hospital revealed that her clothing had been torn, and that she had grass stains on the back of a blue linen two-piece suit.

Left Home Monday

The visiting seniors had left their home Monday noon, traveling by train to Charlottesville, Va., thence to Washington by bus.

The group will remain here until tomorrow evening as originally scheduled and take the usual sight-seeing tours. Mrs. Hill said she had made telephone calls to school authorities and the parents of the assaulted girl.

In addition to Mrs. Hill, the group is accompanied by Earl J. French, senior class adviser.

County Police Hold Sailor on Rape Charge

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Thurs. 6-14-56

A 20-year-old sailor was jailed early yesterday on a rape charge after a young WAC staggered into Fairfax County police headquarters and accused the man while he was being booked on a reckless driving charge.

Washington D.C.

The sailor, listed as Billy Ray Killen, stationed at Cameron Station in Alexandria, is held under $5000 bond at the Prince William county jail at Manassas.

Killen was stopped at Centreville by State Trooper J. C. Powell, who said he overtook the car after it drove through a stop sign. Powell said he did not look into the car since the driver got out, but told Killen to follow him to Fairfax police headquarters where he would be booked for reckless driving.

While Killen was attempting to post collateral, another couple walked into headquarters helping a half-conscious woman with a cut face and torn clothing. The woman, a 24-year-old WAC stationed at Ft. Myer, told police Killen had raped her. The other couple said they had been with Killen and the WAC most of the evening but were not in the car at the time the woman said she had been attacked.

The victim was treated at Arlington Hospital and released.

Arlington Man Held On Charge of Rape

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Tues. 10-30-56

An Arlington truck driver was placed on $35,000 bond and held for grand jury yesterday on charges of beating and attempted to rape a 37-year-old divorcee in the rooming house where the two lived.

Lawrence Powell Owens, 45, gained entrance to the woman's second-story bedroom at 2231 N. Wakefield st., Arlington, by climbing a ladder onto the veranda outside her room, the woman testified in Arlington County Court.

She said she was alone in the house about 2:30 a. m. Sunday. She had awakened to find Owens on her bed attempting to rape her and a struggle ensued, she said.

The woman, an accounting clerk for a Washington auto firm, testified that Owens had allowed her to rest several times when she became nauseated after he beat her. She told Judge Paul D. Brown that Owens had struck her in the face and body and had torn her nightgown and bathrobe. When she resisted his attack, Owens said, "You want to live, don't you?" the woman testified.

"I was fighting him the whole time," she said as she broke into tears in the courtroom. She said Owens had been drinking.

Detective Waltetr H. Kadel said the woman reported that Owens finally had left her alone about 5:30 a. m. She told the Court that she had crept downstairs when Owens finally left her to go to his room to sleep. She said she had called a nearby neighbor who called police. Owens was booked at 11:15 p. m. after police picked him up at the rooming house.

She testified that Owens had made advances toward her on two previous occasions. Washington police said he had three previous convictions on sex offenses in the District dating back to 1942.

Witness Points Police To 2 Theft Suspects

Two men hired a cab to take them to and from the scene of a $15 daylight holdup were rounded up shortly after a witness had given police the cab number yesterday.

Charged with robbery and held under $4000 bond each for the grand jury were Thomas H. Sinclair, 28, listed at 629 2d st. nw., and Elbert R. Pierce, 56, listed at 1326 Park rd. nw.

Sinclair was accused of staging the holdup at Smallwood Cleaners, 1730 Columbia rd.

Sinclair Pierce
... charged with robbery

nw., while Pierce waited outside in the taxi of the unsuspecting cab driver, police reported.

Franklin A. Dawkins, 52, of 1910 14th st. nw., a clerk at the cleaning plant, said he was in the shop with a customer when a man with a hand held threateningly in his coat pocket entered and said, "This is a stickup. Give me your money."

Dawkins said the bandit had scooped $15 from the cash register drawer and had run out the door. The customer, James Moore, 1347 Park rd. nw., followed just in time to see the cab pull away and jot down its company number, police said.

The cabbie, Otis Gordon, 46, of 66 Q st. nw., said he had picked up two men at 5th and G sts. nw. and had returned them after the trip to the cleaning shop, where one of his passengers had gone inside to "get some clothes."

On a tour of bars in the 5th and G sts. area, Gordon picked

out Pierce as the man who waited in his cab, Detectives Carl E. Gallasso and Gordon A. Hess, of the 10th Precinct, reported. Police then picked up Sinclair at the 2d st. rooming house after Pierce told them where he could be found.

Men Accused of Rape Held for Grand Jury

A pair of District men accused of raping a 17-year-old District Heights, Md., girl were held for action of the Prince Georges County grand jury by Upper Marlboro Police Court.

The suspects, Daniel Wright, 27, of 404 A st. se., and Charles W. Taylor, 24, of 218 34th st. se., are brothers-in-law. Wright is the brother of Joseph F. "Robin Hood" Wright, who admitted 185 housebreakings in the District area to police last summer.

The girl, estranged wife of a former prisoner of war in Korea, testified before Judge Nita S. Hinman Crane that the two men forced her to submit in their car in Oxon Hill on Oct. 25. She said she knew each of the men by a name other than their true ones.

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Kidnaper Yields Matron, 28, When Posse Closes In

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Thurs. 2-23-56
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Atlanta, Ga.

PUEBLO, Colo., Feb. 22 (AP)—A police posse captured a money-desperate kidnaper on the rolling prairie west of here early today and freed the pretty Pueblo mother he had held at gunpoint for three frightening hours.

Police Chief Roy Harper identified the abductor as Eugene C. Hurst, 28, of Grand Junction, Colo., and said kidnaping charges against him would be filed tomorrow.

Mrs. Nancy Jackson, 27, said Hurst kidnaped her late Tuesday night, minutes after she left night school at Pueblo Junior College.

In a statement this afternoon, Hurst told authorities he kidnaped the woman on an impulse instead of her husband, Robert A. Jackson, co-owner of the Jackson Chevrolet Co. here, when she left the college.

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Angry at Shooting, Negro Mob Beats 2 White Men

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Atlanta Ga. P. 6

PENSACOLA, Fla., March 25 (AP)—A mob of Negroes angered by the shooting of a Negro man attacked and beat two white men Sunday, officers said. Two men were hospitalized and two others arrested.

Escambia County sheriff's deputies said the action by some 100 Negroes came after Johnny J. Maloy, 50, Pensacola white man, accused a Negro of stealing a crate of oranges from his truck in a predominantly Negro section.

Maloy drew a gun and fired twice, the officers said, striking Foster King, 34, a Negro, in the leg with one shot.

Deputies said the incident almost instantaneously drew a crowd of Negroes to the truck, from which Maloy and Hillary Calhoun, 41, another Pensacola white man, were selling oranges.

According to the officers, Love Andrews, 29-year-old Negro, grabbed Maloy and wrested the gun from him. Other Negroes then moved in on the two white men and began beating them, officers said.

Details on how the white men were rescued were not available.

Maloy has a brain concussion and compound fracture of the leg while King has a leg wound. Both were carried to a hospital.

Andrews was placed in Escambia County jail where he is being held without bond on a charge of affray. Calhoun was arrested on the same charge but freed under $100 bond.

Officers said no charge was made against either Maloy or King, pending further investigation.

Mob Beats Man

PENSACOLA, Fla. (ANP) — Angered by the shooting of one of their neighbors, a group of about 100 Negroes attacked and beat two Pensacola white men here.

The action came after Foster King, 34, was shot in the leg during an argument in which Johnnie J. Maley accused him of stealing a crate of oranges.

Suspect in Death of Boys Is Moved

Times-Picayune
Sun. 5-6-56 P. 13

PANAMA CITY, Fla., May 3 (AP)—A man charged with murder in the death of two small brothers during a motorboat ride was moved to an undisclosed jail today as a precautionary measure.

Sheriff M. J. Daffin said Dallas Withers, 33, a Panama City electrician, was removed because of feeling among residents. The sheriff said he feared for the prisoner's safety.

Rough water meanwhile handicapped a search for the body of the second boy in Pole Cat bayou about 15 miles east of Panama City. A small boat capsized during the hunt. Its occupants were quickly pulled to safety.

KIDNAP VICTIM FREED BY POSSE

Times-Picayune
Dogs Lead to Finding, Abductor Seized
Sun. 5-13-56 P. 28

ORLANDO, Fla., May 12 (AP)—A posse led by bloodhounds early today freed an 18-year-old Orlando mother from an ex-convict who abducted her at knife point and held her prisoner for seven hours.

The victim, Mrs. Evelyn Johnson, wife of S. Sgt. Wayne Johnson stationed at Patrick Air Force Base at Cocoa, was unharmed but pale and shaken.

She and her captor were tracked down in a clump of palmettoes near Geneva, 10 miles east of Sanford in adjoining Seminole county. He had been holding a knife at her throat to keep her from making an outcry as officers approached.

Served Rape Sentence

Orange county Sheriff Dave Starr said the prisoner gave his name as Frazier Oliver Peterson, 34, of Holyoke, Mass. and said he had just completed serving 13 years in the Massachusetts state prison.

Police at Holyoke said Peterson is wanted for questioning in the knidnaping and molesting of an 18-year-old girl, April 21. Peterson was released in mid-March from an 18 to 20-year sentence for rape.

Starr said Peterson told him he didn't harm Mrs. Johnson because "she was a respectable girl." His only thought after first pulling a knife on her, he said, was to escape.

Mrs. Johnson was hanging out clothes in her yard late yesterday when a man approached and asked for a drink of water. He followed her into the house, forced her to pack her clothes at knife point and leave in her car.

Car Stuck in Flight

Neighbors who saw them enter the vehicle reported the incident to the sheriff and a search was started. Four hours later around 10 p. m. the car became stuck on a dirt road near Geneva.

Unsuccessful in an attempt to take another car from Alex Levine, a Negro who lived nearby, Peterson fled forcing Mrs. Johnson to accompany him. The Seminole county sheriff's office was notified by Levine and a posse began a hunt of nearby woods.

Sheriff Starr questioned Peterson at the Orange county jail today and said afterwards he would investigate further to determine precisely what formal charges will be filed against the prisoner Monday.

During the interrogation, Sheriff Starr said Peterson told this story:

"I arrived in Orlando yesterday after bumming rides down here and was hitchhiking out of town when I saw her (Mrs. Johnson) hanging up clothes. I went over to her and told her I was hungry and thirsty. I asked her for a cold drink and she brought me into the house.

Threatened With Knife

"I pulled out a knife and held it on her and I knew I was in trouble then. All I could think of was to escape. I decided to make her dress like she was going out so if anybody saw her they wouldn't spread the alarm.

"I made her pack her clothes and put them in the car to make it look like she was leaving her husband."

The sheriff said Peterson related he decided to flee north and "I decided to take back roads. I was going to ditch her at the first opportunity. I didn't do anything to her. She was a respectable girl."

Peterson recalled that he fled into the palmetto undergrowth after fighting with a Negro. The prisoner said officers approached several times before locating him and Mrs. Johnson but he held a knife on her throat so she wouldn't cry out, the sheriff reported.

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As Boy Hostage Grabs Gun and Runs

Georgia Posse's Bullets Slay Killer–Kidnaper

WAYNESBORO, Ga., March 1 (AP)—Police bullets chopped the life from a Massachusetts killer-kidnaper today seconds after an 11-year-old boy hostage broke away from him in climax to a running battle on a Georgia highway.

Wanted for killing a Louisville, Ky., policeman last night and kidnaping the boy and his mother today, the slain man was identified as Gerald Peter Beaucaire, 24, of Dorchester, Mass.

Police said Beaucaire, hunted all night by a large posse for killing the policeman, entered the home of Mrs. John Herrington at Millen. He beat Mrs. Herrington over the head with a wrench and was shot and wounded in the hand by her son Johnny who grabbed a .22 caliber rifle from a closet.

Mother and son were forced into the Herrington car by Baucaire and ordered to drive toward Augusta on U.S. Highway 25. Mrs. Herrington was forced to drive at nearly 90 miles an hour while Beaucaire held a gun to her son's head.

Shortly after the car left Millen it ran through one of several police roadblocks. A patrolman shot through the windshield but the car raced on. It ran into another roadblock at Waynesboro, 20 miles from Millen.

Beaucaire fired on officers from the car window. The patrolmen were unable to return the fire because of the woman and boy. Eight miles from Augusta, the right rear tire of the Herrington car was shot by pursuing officers.

"The man made mother drive as fast as she could and we went 70 with a tire flat," Johnny said.

"We had to go around a car and mother rammed in the side of it and we went into a ditch.

"He grabbed me and ran backwards, holding me around the neck. He had the gun up to my head and the safety was on but he didn't notice it. We got about 10 yards into a field when he tripped and fell. I fell on top of his stomach. I grabbed the gun and ran and they shot him."

Mrs. Herrington was taken to a Millen hospital for treatment of head cuts and shock. She had worked in the hospital as a nurse until a few weeks ago when she obtained a leave due to ill health. Her husband, a salesman for a chemical firm, was not at home when Beucaire entered the house at 7:30 a.m.

The mother, suffering from shock, did not give details immediately but the son's account rivaled that of the most hair-raising movie thriller.

Maj. C. C. Underwood of the Georgia Highway Patrol, said Beaucaire was driving a car stolen last night in a $100 holdup of Joseph Cambria, a Braintree, Mass., filling station operator, when he was stopped in Louisville last night. Louisville is about 48 miles south of Augusta.

Officer James H. Landrum, 55, stopped Beaucaire for a traffic violation troopers said. And Beaucaire jumped from the car with a pistol blazing. Landrum was shot six times and beaten over the head with the gun while the two struggled in a ditch.

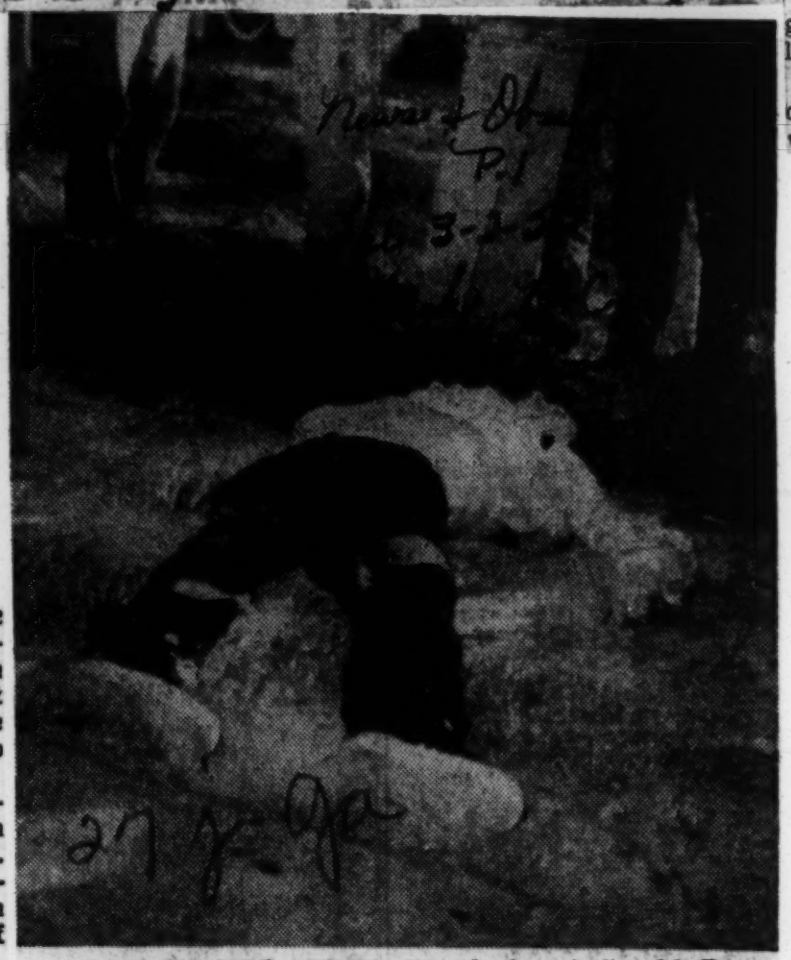
A posse searched the area between Louisville and Millen throughout the night for the killer. Police enlisted the aid of a Georgia Forestry Department plane in the search today before word of the kidnaping was received.

forcing the car into the ditch.

Beaucaire jumped out, dragging Johnny with him, and ran for nearby woods. As officers closed in, he stumbled and fell.

"When he fell, I grabbed his gun and ran," Johnny related later.

The gunman leaped up, but dropped dead after a few strides with six bullets in his body.



END OF THE HUNT—The body of Gerald Peter Beaucaire sprawls along the road after police bullets cut him down near Waynesboro, Ga., yesterday.. (AP Wirephoto.)

Killer-Kidnaper Slain By Georgia Troopers

By the United Press.

WAYNESBORO, Ga., March 1.—A gunman from Massachusetts was shot and killed by police today after he had slain a policeman and kidnapped a woman and her son.

The gunman was Jerald Peter Beaucaire, 24, Dorchester, Mass., where he was wanted in a $100 holdup.

Beaucaire's crime spree began last night when patrolman James H. Landrum stopped him for routine questioning in the tobacco town of Louisville. Beaucaire shot Mr. Landrum, beat him with a pistol, and fled in a car. Mr. Landrum later died.

About 7:30 a.m. today the gunman knocked at the door of Mrs. John Herrington Jr., in Millen, Ga., and forced his way into the house.

Her son, Johnny, 12, told police he was in his bedroom when he heard a commotion and "heard mother hollering." He grabbed his 22 rifle, loaded it and rand downstairs. He fired at the intruder, but only hit his finger, and Beaucaire took the gun away from him.

The gunman had slugged Mrs. Herrington on the head with a wrench. He forced her and her son to get into the Herrington auto and ordered her to drive away.

State police, hunting for Mr. Landrum's killer, stopped the auto at a roadblock. When Mrs. Herrington signaled to the police, one trooper fired at the auto without effect. Beaucaire threatened to shoot Johnny unless his mother drove off, and she obeyed.

Troopers, pursuing at 90 miles an hour, shot out a tire,

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Say Cops Watched As Mob Attacked

Defender Chicago, Ill
Sat. 8-25-56

Two Chicago couples who said they were attacked by a mob of about 15 men and their automobiles burned have charged that police refused to come to their assistance and instead placed them under arrest.

The four, all of them bearing injuries, were charged with disorderly conduct and scheduled to appear in Women's Court.

They were arrested by Deering station police during the melee which partially blocked traffic for several minutes and resulted in the burning of two automobiles.

The two couples allegedly mobbed were Mr. and Mrs. David Popular of 4415 S. Wabash ave., and Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Stanford of 306 W. 61st st. They were arrested along with two other men, said to have been bystanders.

They were Theodore Walker, 29, of 614 Scott st., and Jimmy Lee Miller, 28, of 5344 Princeton.

According to Stanford they were attacked by a mob of 15 men who came out of a tavern at the intersection of 31st st. and Halsted, when Stanford and Popular stopped their cars for a traffic light.

When Popular pulled his car to a halt behind Stanford, a man reportedly walked in front of the car and blocked him as Stanford proceeded.

WIFE ATTACKED

Another man attempted to yank open the car door. Popular got out and the fight began. As Popular and the attacker fought, another man was said to have pulled Popular's wife out of the car and struck her repeatedly.

Stanford, who had crossed the street, said he saw what was happening and alighted from his car and went to help Popular, his brother-in-law. As he did so, a youth, about 18 or 19, blocked his path and began hitting him with a metal rod, Stanford said.

Stanford ran through a filling station and up an alley to escape. When he returned to his car he found the police had arrived. He said one was standing at his car.

According to Stanford, the police "stood and watched" until they saw two Negroes who entered the melee injure several of the attackers. "Then they, the police struck me," said Popular, "and arrested us."

The six arrested, all Negroes, were booked for disorderly conduct. But while the men were in jail at Deering station, they were informed their cars had been burned by the mobsters. They were released on $15 bonds.

POSSE TRAILS TWO FUGITIVES

Daily Tribune
Sun. 1-24-36

Chicagoans Sought in Bank Robberies

Chicago, Ill.

West Frankfort, Ill., July 23 [Special] — A 200 man posse searched thru woods and fields in a driving rainstorm today for two Chicago fugitives sought in connection with several downstate bank robberies.

The fugitives are William E. Bolton, 27, of 7922 Ellis av., Chicago, and Bruno Skurmont, 37, of 6429 S. Talman av., Chicago, who forfeited bonds of $10,000 each on armed robbery charges in Chicago felony court June 29.

Franklin County Sheriff Paul Collins said the two men were recognized today when they appeared at the West Frankfort State bank seeking access to a safety deposit box they had rented there last month under assumed names.

Flee From Bank

Collins said Bolton and Skurmont fled from the bank and drove east on Ill. 34, encountering a state police cruiser near Galatia, 18 miles east of here. Officers in the police car recognized the bandit car from a radio description and gave chase.

Bolton and Skurmont abandoned their car near the farm of J. L. Garner, near Galatia, and fled on foot into a barn on this farm. A search of the barn indicated they had slipped out and were either hiding in other buildings or had fled thru cornfields to a nearby woods.

Deputies from Franklin and Saline counties, state police, and federal bureau of investigation agents closed off the area and began an intensive search. Scores of farmers and other civilians joined the posse.

Banker, Wife Trussed Up

Authorities said the two men are wanted by the FBI for questioning in the robbery last Jan. 11 of a state bank in Whittington, Ill., 12 miles north of here, in which Grover Payne, president of the bank, and his wife, were tied up with wire in their home.

They are also suspects in recent Chicago area bank and other robberies. They are known to Chicago police as members of the so-called silk stocking bandit gang.

La., Texas Police Comb De Ridder Area

DE RIDDER, La., June 7—Nearly 50 Louisiana and Texas law enforcement officers, aided by bloodhounds and planes, combed a 10-square-mile wooded area near here Thursday for an armed man who is wanted for kidnaping an Orange, Tex., deputy and a Woodville, Tex., man.

Deputy Sheriff Fred Cooley of Beauregard parish identified the man who was being sought as James Edward, Johnson of Orange.

Law enforcement officers of Beauregard and Vernon parishes, and from Orange, Newton, Jasper and Woodville, Texas, joined in the search for Johnson after he was spotted by a state trooper in an automobile about eight miles north of here about 9 a. m.

Kidnapped Deputy

Johnson allegedly kidnapped Orange deputy Tom Eddleman, who tried Wednesday night to serve a child desertion warrant against him. He also got the deputy's .357 Magnum and .45 caliber, Cooley said, along with his automobile after dumping the officer out of the car about two miles from Dam B in Southeast Texas.

The deputy's car was recovered out of gas at 6 a. m. near Spurger, Tex., and Johnson in the early hours Thursday morning stopped a car driven by H. L. McCarty of Woodville, Tex. He required McCarty at gunpoint to drive him into Louisiana, Deputy Cooley said, forcing the Texan out of his own automobile 10 miles west of De Ridder.

About 8:15 a. m., McCarty reported the incident to the sheriff's office in De Ridder. A state trooper spotted McCarty's car 10 miles north of De Ridder on Hwy. 171 and messaged the sheriff's office. Beauregard Sheriff Paul Starks joined the trooper, and when they approached the parked car, Johnson fled into the woods.

Bloodhounds Used

Authorities said Johnson appeared to have been changing clothes in the car.

Bloodhounds from Sheriff John O. Craft's office in Vernon parish were brought to the scene but "the dogs burned out," Deputy Cooley said, from lack of water during the morning. More bloodhounds were brought to the scene from Newton, Texas, by Newton Sheriff Curtiss Humphrey and were being used in the search during the afternoon.

Cooley described the area where the search was concentrated as "fairly thick" in the hilly country north of here. He said the closest stream—Ancoco creek—is five miles northwest of the search area.

A Texas highway patrol plane, and a Cub plane, owned by Clyde Cobb of De Ridder, was used to search the section from the air.

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NEW YORK

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al-Killer Convict Ringed by Posse

World-Telegram
June 5-22-56
P.7
+ Sun

By the Associated Press.

JAMESTOWN, N. Y., May 22. —An escaped convict, who kidnaped two detectives, stole their automobile and shot and killed his own companion, apparently was holed up in a well-populated section west of here today as the biggest manhunt in local history scoured the area.

More than 200 men from the state police, the Chautauqua County sheriff's department and the Jamestown police force cautiously poked through every building and every clump of brush.

Object of the search was James Carter, 32, a three-time loser from Rochester, who broke out of Schuyler County jail in Watkins Glen Saturday night.

His companion in the break, John Dedrick, 23, of Corning, was killed instantly last night at the climax of a wild, bullet-spattered chase over a seven-mile route from Jamestown to Boomertown, the center of today's search.

Dedrick died at the wheel of the police car the pair had stolen in Jamestown. Manacled in the back seat were detectives Earl Stafford and Patrick Whalen.

As Dedrick slumped over the wheel, a bullet hole in the right side of his chest, Carter jumped from the car and fled into the fields.

Angry Crowd Nearly Mobs Tot's Killer

Herald 12-d
Nov. 7-30-36
Miami Fla.

NEW YORK (AP)—A 3-year-old girl was raped and flung from a rooftop to her death Sunday and a man accused of the crime was later nearly mobbed by an angry crowd of 2,000 people.

Five detectives with drawn guns managed to rescue the suspect, Diego Lugo, 24, from the milling mob that surrounded him a few minutes after police said they had a confession from him.

Lugo was released from psychiatric observation at Bellevue hospital, about two weeks ago, police said.

The body of little Jeanette Ribot was found early Sunday in a tenement yard.

Police said she had been lifted through the window of her apartment, carried over several rooftops, raped, then flung from the roof of a six-story building.

Cops Save Child Killer From Mob

World-Telegram + Sun
New York
Herald Tribune 5-31-36

Seven detectives with drawn revolvers last night held back a screaming, seething mob of 2000 persons as it sought to seize a prisoner accused of kidnaping, raping and killing a 3-year-old girl.

Police said the suspect, Diego Lugo, 24, of 42 W. 93rd St., released two weeks ago from the psychiatric ward of Bellevue Hospital, has confessed hurling little Jeanette Ribot from the roof of a six-story tenement after stealing the tot from her crib and sexually attacking her.

The child's naked body was found early yesterday in an alleyway running between the tenement at 135 W. 90th St. and the Catholic Convent of St. Sylvia, 133 W. 90th St.

Jeanette was the daughter of Mrs. Josephine Ribot, 22, 147 W. 90th St., who is separated from her husband and has been sharing an apartment with Diego Lugo's brother, Herminio, 21, according to police.

Diego appeared at the apartment yesterday afternoon while detectives were questioning his brother and Mrs. Ribot. Officers said Diego demanded to know "what this is all about." The detectives noticed blood-stains on Diego's dungarees and promptly arrested him.

Handcuffed between two detectives, the prisoner was taken back to the murder scene last night to reconstruct the crime.

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NORTH CAROLINA

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Posse Kills Fugitive Despite Child Shield

By the Associated Press.

WHITEVILLE, N. C., July 25—A fugitive who used his children as a shield to escape a posse was cornered in a barn near here early today and shot to death. Officers found 15 to 20 wounds in his body.

The man, Ellis Brinkley, 49, was wanted for allegedly wounding Columbus County Department Sheriff Warren Roebuck. Officers said Sheriff Roebuck was shot twice when he tried to arrest Brinkley at his home on a charge of shooting Frank McIntyre Jr.

Mr. Roebuck's condition was critical. He was able to get to his car and summon help by radio.

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Arrest Ends Posse's Long Hunt

News & Observer

ROCKINGHAM, March 3 — A posse's two-day search for Earl Thrower, 23-year-old Korean War Veteran wanted for armed robbery here and hi-jacking an automobile, ended when he was arrested last night.

Thrower, armed with a loaded pistol, offered no resistance when he was arrested by a State Highway Patrolman and a deputy sheriff near Steele's Mill.

Officers located the stolen station wagon in the river hills, seven miles northwest of Rockingham, at noon Friday. It was covered with pine brush and well hidden. It was believed the young man was in hiding in the river hills overlooking Blewett Falls.

Raleigh, N. C.

Bloodhounds were secured from Wadesboro and they struck a trail that ended at the Pee Dee River. It was believed the fugitive had fled across the river by boat. The chase was called off at 5 o'clock yesterday with plans for an even greater search for this morning.

A patrolman and deputy Friday night were cruising in the Steele's Mill area, keeping an eye on Thrower's home in that village. The officers stopped every car that passed. At ten o'clock a car drove by and when they investigated, they found the occupant was the man they wanted.

Thrower is now in jail, unable to post bond.

Apparently while the officers were in the river hills, Thrower had walked southward some eight miles to Steele's Mill where his wife and baby live.

About dusk, he allegedly stole a car owned by a Mr. Richardson, parked close to the mill, and drove alone to Rockingham where he bought some sandwiches and then started back to his home.

He drove by his house twice slowly, but saw that it was being watched, and continued westward from the mill, when he was stopped by the officers.

The youth, served in Korea with the 24th Division, had a good war record. Last October 24, he showed up at the Laurinburg Police Station, surrendered a pistol, and informed officers that he had held up a motor court at Chapel Hill the day before.

For that, he was tried at Hillsboro and put under a suspended sentence.

From that time to the present he had worked regularly at a local mill until the alleged hi-jacking last Monday of a Charlotte station wagon and filling station robbery in Rockingham.

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Posses Hunting Berserk Trucker

Ohioan Accused Of 3 Murders

WARREN, O., June 22 (AP)—truck driver, furious because his common law wife left him last week, last night shot to death her two sisters and a teen-age girl he never knew.

Three posses of 50 to 60 men today hunted for Alfred Wilson, 37.

When he was released from jail earlier this week on an assault-and-battery charge pressed by his wife, Wilson vowed:

"This is the last time you'll get me alive."

The victims, each killed at a different spot along a 30 mile death route in rural Ohio, were:

Mrs. Geraldine Brown, 30, Wilson's sister-in-law and mother of two children, shot once in the head at her home in Leavittsburg.

Mrs. Hazel Botts, 32, another sister-in-law, and mother of three children, shot twice with a German luger in her home at Cortland.

Nancy Worthington, 16-year-old Leavittsburg high school student, kidnapped, beaten and shot. She was on her way home with two boys from a school homecoming when Wilson blocked their car and grabbed her in his mad search for getaway cash.

Wilson's wife, Juanita, 35, was at the Botts home when Wilson showed up. She locked herself up in the bathroom to protect herself and was not harmed.

Mrs. Wilson's mother, Mrs. Anna Wentworth, said the Wilsons had not been married to each other but had lived for several years as man and wife.

This is the way Sheriff T. Herbert Thomas of Trumbull County pieced together the bloody tale:

Wilson approached the Brown home shortly after 9 o'clock last night. He asked Mrs. Brown to use the telephone and when she hesistated, he shot her once through the left side of the head.

Later Wilson saw a family friend, Emmett Dennison, 42, of Warren, driving down a Bazetta Township road. He forced the car off the road and shot Dennison in the left arm. Wilson's son by an early marriage, Skippy, 10, was in the Dennison car. The boy fled to safety.

The berserk truck driver then drove to the Botts' home.

Mrs. Botts walked into the living room when Wilson approached. He fired once through the door window, then ran to a picture window in the living room and fired again. The bullets struck Mrs. Botts in the chest.

After midnight, the truck driver accosted a car caught in a county road dead-end. Thomas E. Heidelberg, 17, and Arthur C. Johnson, 17, high school students, got out of their car and asked Wilson to move his car, which came from the rear and was blocking the road. He refused and asked if they had any money, they said no. Wilson discovered Nancy was in the car. He said he would hold her until they went down the road to get some money.

When the boys returned, Nancy was gone. He took her into his car, beat her, shot her to death and then pushed her out of the vehicle.

Wilson's abandoned car was found on a county road near Windham. An unsigned note read:

"Wanted to get you, Juanita. Sorry for what I have done. Say good-by to the kids. Hope to meet you in the other world."

TREED SLAYER OF 3 WOMEN IS SHOT, CAPTURED

Two Bullets Hit Head; 10 Day Hunt Ends

Warren, O., July 2 [Special]—Alfred Wilson, 37, hunted for 10 days as the slayer of three women, was shot out of a tree and captured today by state highway patrolmen who trapped him in a woods near here.

Police said they opened fire when Wilson ignored orders to drop a pistol after they spied him standing on a tree branch 20 feet above them. Wilson was struck in the right side of the

Alfred Wilson

forehead and in the left jaw by bullets from .38 caliber pistols.

Plunges to Ground

Wilson plunged to the ground unconscious and was rushed to St. Joseph's hospital here. Physicians said his condition was critical and that recovery was doubtful.

The capture ended an intensive manhunt which had been carried on with posses, bloodhounds, and airplanes since June 22, when Wilson went on a murder spree killing Mrs. Geraldine Brown, 30, and Mrs. Hazel Betts, 32, his sister-in-law, and Nancy Worthington, 17, a high school girl whom he did not know.

Events leading to the capture began shortly after noon when Wilson, carrying a pistol, climbed into an automobile belonging to James Lawson, his brother-in-law, which was parked outside a dairy store where Lawson, accompanied by his wife and a child, was shopping.

Other shoppers saw the Lawsons leave the store and drive away with the gun waving Wilson. They called police, who dispatched a cruiser to the Lawsons' rural home.

Dashes Out Back Door

Patrolman Russell Duffy said LawsonL opened the door when he knocked and that Corp. Joseph Zabo and Patrolman Floyd Smith, who were seated in the cruiser, saw Wilson sprint out of a back door. The officers chased him across a field and into a patch of woods. Searching thru the woods they spotted him in a tree.

Lawson told police he and his family had been terrorized by Wilson and said the timely arrival of the officers may have forestalled more killing.

Police said Wilson apparently had spent the night——and may have been hiding for days ——in a vacant apartment behind the dairy store.

Wilson's murder outbreak grew out of his efforts to locate his wife, Juanita, 29, who left him two weeks ago after a quarel, taking their two children with her. He shot his sisters-in-law in their homes when they refused to give him information.

Fleeing after these shootings, he halter a car in which Miss Worthington and two young men were returning from a high school party. He ordered the men to go after money for him and held the girl as a hostage. She was found shot to death in a ditch the next day.

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Posse hunts rapist of 15-year-old girl

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore., June 18—(AP)—A man who raped and stabbed a 15-year-old girl is being sought in Northern California by an armed posse.

The girl, suffering from four knife wounds in the chest, was in critical condition in a Klamath Falls hospital. She is Dorothy Jackson of Chiloquin, Ore., who told police that she had met the man early Saturday morning in a Klamath Falls restaurant.

She agreed to take a ride with him and he drove her to a lumber yard in downtown Klamath Falls where the rape and stabbing occurred, police quoted her as saying from her hospital bed.

The man then drove her to the Sand Creek area, 30 miles north of here, and dumped her out of the car. She was found seven hours later by a passing motorist.

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DEPUTY SLAIN

Advertiser

Texas Posse Arrests Gunman Kills Brother In Wild Chase

Montgomery, Ala. P-1

Mon 12-3-56

SHAMROCK, Tex., Dec. 2 (AP)—A posse captured a trigger-happy gunman today crouched near the slug-torn body of his slain half-brother to climax a sweeping manhunt that kept this Texas-Oklahoma border area in turmoil all night.

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The pair—no one knew which individual—earlier killed a rancher's teen-age son who was a posseman, and wounded two officers.

The slain gunman was identified by Texas state police and Rangers as Junior Bard Myers with numerous aliases, includin Robert Earl Hunter and Robert Meyers. He was 32 asd was from Greeley, Colo. He had a long arrest record in the Southwest and on the West coast.

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Whiteard was sitting up, dozing, an empty whiskey bottle nearby.

Meyers was about 30 yards away, his body torn by shotgun slugs.

Mon 12-3-56

LOADED GUN

A loaded shotgun was near the dead man. Whiteard had a loaded highpower rifle at hand.

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Whiteard offered no resistance.

The gun-blazing chase started yesterday afternoon near Elk City, Okla. ,where the two men were involved in an automobile accident.

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Mrs. Lois Hunter, 3, Greeley, talked by telephone with Wheeler County Sheriff Bus Dorman. She said the car used by the fugitives wa sher husband's. She said she and Hunter, or Meyers, had been married a month, and that her husband used the name of Hunter. This was confirmed by Whiteard.

Mrs. Hunter previously told officers her husband had gone to Alexandria, La., on business. She said Hunter's younger brother—actually half-brother—James, 21, was with him.

The slain man's wife said Whiteard was recently discharged from the Marine Corps.

ON WANTED LIST

Sheriff Dorman said Meyers-Hunter was wanted in Dover, Ark., for questioning about a bank robbery and at Hearne, Tex., for assault to murder. A pickup order with a picture favoring the dead man was circulated recently in a Texas state police bulletin.

Authorities used bloodhounds, an airplane, automobiles and horses in hunting th epair.

About 100 Texas Rangers, sheriffs and deputies, other local officers and possemen from Texas and Oklahoma helped in the hunt.

Here is what happened as officers pieced the story together:

The Hunger-Meyers-Whiteheard automobile was involved in a collision in Elk City, Okla., and then fled toward the nearby Texas Panhandle.

BORDER TOWN

The automobile drove through Texola, Okla., a border town. It was pursued by Deputy Sheriff Marvin Skinner of Texola.

The men opened fire on Skinner wounded him. Ignoring his arm wound, he chased the men west toward Shamrock. Near Shamrock Deputy Mannon Nix was shot in the chin.

Posse Captures Dozing Gunman By Body Of Pal

Commercial Appeal

Memphis, Tenn.

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Killed Saturday while hunting the pair was Victor Lee Stephens, 19, son of a ranch owner.

The battle in the Panhandle erupted when officers cornered the two men in a thicket off of United States Highway 66 after an Oklahoma deputy sheriff and a Texas deputy sheriff were wounded when they tried to stop the outlaws' speeding car.

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Posse Seizes 3 After Gun Fight

Eleving Star
Mon. 3-5-56

DANBURY, Wis., Mar. 5 (AP). —A posse of 100 armed villagers and officers of five counties tracked down three men yesterday after a gun battle that followed three burglaries.

District Attorney Clive Strang of Burnett County said the three would be arraigned today after he determined what charges to lodge against them.

Held overnight in the county jail at Grantsburg, Wis., were Eugene Morrissey, 33, and Francis Raymond Crosby, 33, of St. Paul, Minn., and Herbert Eisenzimmer, 31, Minneapolis.

One man was found hiding behind a barn 3 miles west of here after a posse followed his footprints in the snow through woods and along a highway. The man was unarmed and surrendered quietly.

Two Spotted From Plane

The other two, also unarmed, were captured after a Wisconsin conservation warden in a light plane spotted them trudging along 500 Line railroad tracks 7 miles north of Danbury.

The only one hurt in the early morning gun battle was Burnett County Deputy Sheriff Con Linehan, 45, who suffered a minor shot gun wound in the arm.

The gun fight began after Gregory Johnson, 40, operator of a supermarket, got a call from a friend before 4 a.m. telling him there were shadowy figures in Mr. Johnson's store.

Hardware Store Raided

Mr. Johnson went to scene armed with an automatic rifle and saw three men coming from another grocery near his. A hardware store was raided while Mr. Johnson waited for help, summoned by his wife.

The bandits fled on foot.

Mr. Johnson said about $30 was taken from his store and "a few dollars" from the grocery.